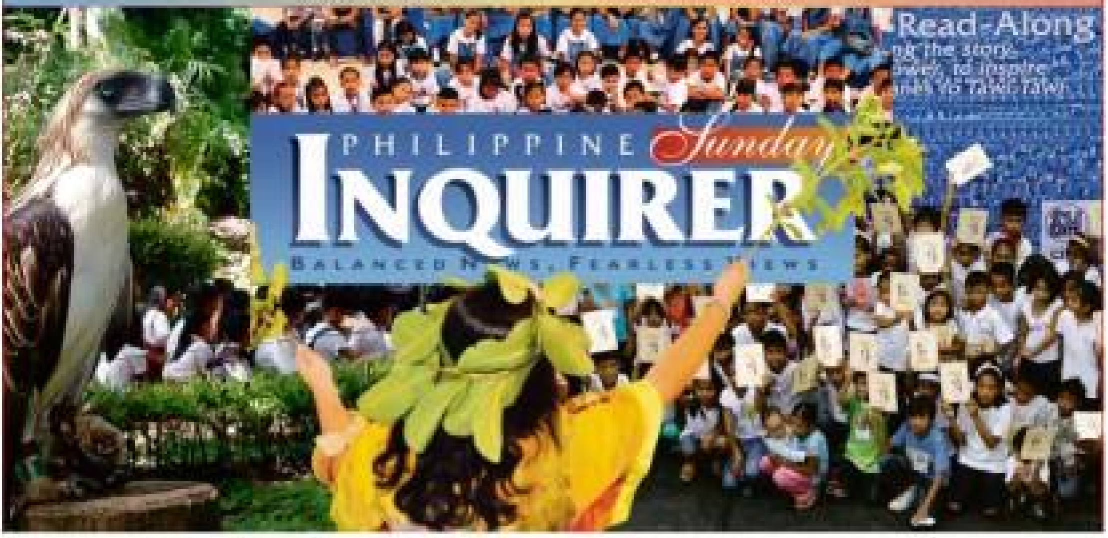
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PHILIPPINE Sunday INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

SIMULTANEOUS READ-ALONG NATIONWIDE What a day Saturday was for more than 2,000 children in Davao City, Bacolod City and Marilao, Bulacan, and 22 other points all over the archipelago, where they were regaled with stories to "inspire individuals and empower communities," as part of the Inquirer's 25th-anniversary celebrations. It was the Inquirer Research special anniversary project.

P-Noy: Let's just debate

NDF more hopeful for peace under Aquino

By Norman Bordadora and DJ Yap

REMARKS AIRED by President Aquino and the communist National Democratic Front of the Philippines (NDFP) are boding well for the planned resumption of the long-stalled peace talks.

Let the rest be on the negotiating table, the President said in effect late on Friday when asked for comment on the announcement of government peace panel chair Alexander Padilla that the talks were to resume in Oslo, Norway, early next year.

"Let's just debate. Let's talk and stop killing each other," Mr. Aquino told reporters in Tarlac province shortly after Padilla announced in Malacañang the resumption of the negotiations and the agreement on a Christmas cease-fire between government troops and the New People's Army (NPA), the armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP).

"[One of the things I asked during my State of the Nation Address in July was] could we agree on a cease-fire? Could we remove the gunpowder from the air and sincerely hear each other out?" he said.

Arriving yesterday in Manila from Hong Kong for a two-week personal visit, NDFP peace panel chair Luis Jalandoni said things were moving in a more hopeful di-

P-NOY A4

In exile, Joma yearns for mangoes, mountains

UTRECHT, The Netherlands—He dreams of home constantly, and yearns for mangoes and the mountains that he traveled in his youth.

Jose Ma. Sison, the 71-year-old founder of the Communist Party of the Philippines, wants to come home after 23 years of exile, but on one condition.

That is, if the peace negotiations will prosper under President Aquino whose mother, the late President Cory Aquino,

IN EXILE A4



TELLING THE FILIPINO STORY TO THE WORLD

Surviving Mt. Pinatubo without really trying

A FEW DAYS after Mount Pinatubo acted up in June 1991, I was with a small group of journalists who joined volcanologists at their station at the foot of the rumbling volcano in Zambales.

SURVIVING A17



MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH A convoy of journalists makes a mad dash to safety pursued by the monster cloud of ash and other pyroclastic matter from Mt. Pinatubo on June 15, 1991.

Eyes of orphan Anita filled with tragedy of lifetime

By Alcuin Papa

EYES A6

Where love has gone; President Noy still looking

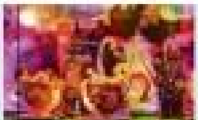
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Read-Along inspiring in 25 sites from Batanes to Tawi-Tawi

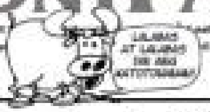
By the Inquirer Read-Along Team and the Inquirer Bureaus

MORE THAN 2,000 children from Batanes to Tawi-Tawi were regaled with stories on the theme "Inspiring individuals and empowering communities" in 25 simultaneous Inquirer Read-Along sessions yesterday morning as part of the newspaper's 25th anniversary celebrations.

READ-ALONG A10



Second FRONTPAGE



'Ping broke vow to tell what he knew'

FUGITIVE Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson should prove his innocence in court instead of running away from the law, a daughter of slain publicist Salvador "Bubby" Dacer, whose death has been blamed on Lacson, told dzRJ Radyo Inquirer in a recent telephone interview.

Mancao implicated Lacson for money, says Banayo

Straightforward answer

Shocking turnaround

Another backer speaks

ERRATUM:
Please be informed that the date stated on the SKYCABLE print ad appearing on the Entertainment Section III, Page 3 was erroneously printed as "January 3, 2010". The date should be "January 3, 2011".

Studies show working the night shift may cause cancer, says NGO

By Philip C. Tubeza

Shift work 'carcinogenic'

Pregnant women at risk

Labor Code advisory

In exile, Joma yearns for mangoes, mountains



SISON: Self-confessed Facebook addict



HOME FOR A PERSONAL VISIT The Netherlands-based NDF chair Luis Jalandoni and wife Coni Ledesma arrive for a two-week personal visit.

Dangers

Facebook addict

The good life

No longer the central figure

P-Noy: Let's just debate

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Best effort

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Military seeking VFA with more countries

By Cynthia D. Balana

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THE LADY CAN ALSO SHOOT

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AFP not letting its guard down despite cease-fire

By Cynthia D. Balana

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'Ka Roger' alive, says Red leader

By DJ Yap

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Keep parties simple, share more–Luistro

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Good examples

Senator proposes 'grand campus lotto' to fund state schools

'Financially sick'

Fiscal cancer

Multi-billion sales

Where love has gone; President Noy still looking





INCOMPATIBLE BUT STILL FRIENDS

Filial piety

Alone at day's end

The councilor

The stylist

A new romance?

Prized catch

Eyes of orphan Anita from Payatas filled with tragedy of a lifetime



A SURVIVOR

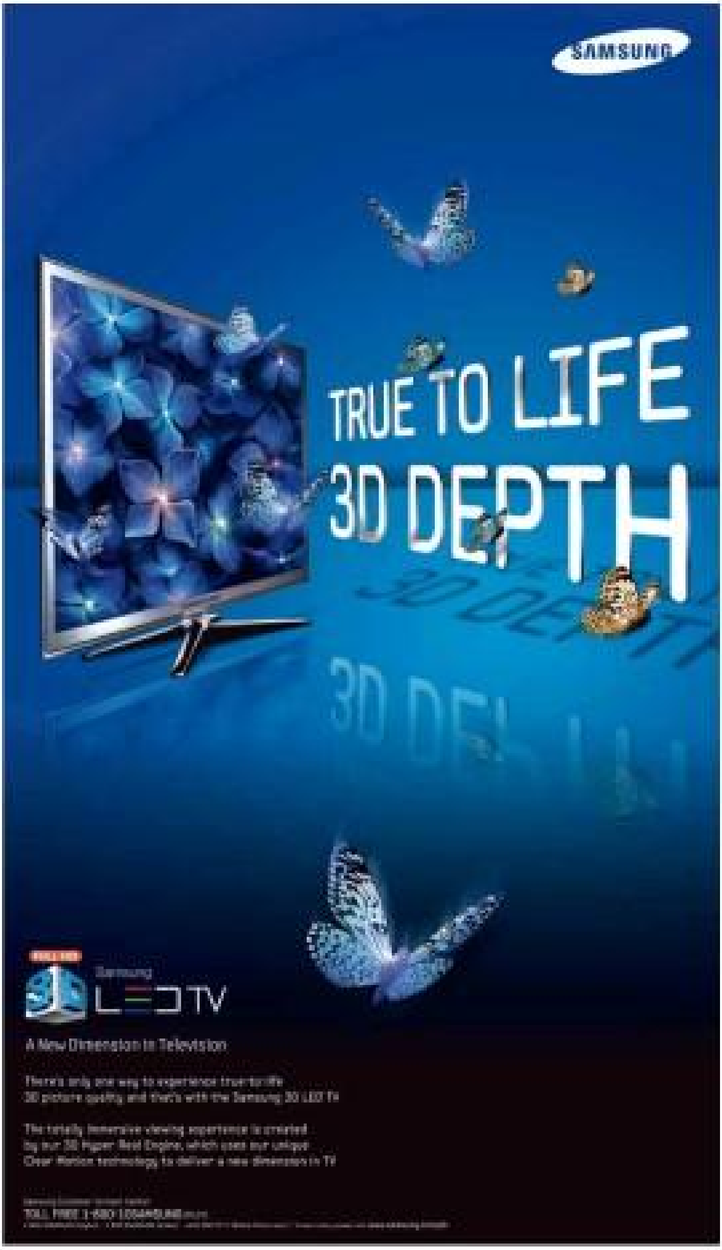
Anti-RH forces losing numbers game, bishops warned





Condom budget is OK–Palace

SC suspends court worker for 'loafing'



Read-Along inspiring in 25 sites from Batanes ...



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ALAMINOS CITY



BATANES

Volunteers galore

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Young readers

Silence and shouts

Other highlights

Family tradition

Lucy Torres' sis

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Eagle Center

Star witness gives Vizconde hope from hiding

By Mike Morales and Cathy C. Yamsuan

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Joker: Releasing 'Morong 43' simple justice

By Christian V. Esguerra and Nikko Dizon

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WORLDWIDE ATTENTION [illegible]



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Mang Inasal's droplights sustain a church

He was a reformed drug addict and a new pastor with a growing family and a fledgling church in a post-9/11 world defined by paranoia impacting on world travel and exchange of goods.

Pastor Bernard Langurayan looks back on those dark days when the lamp export business that has sustained his family, church, and neighbors had to close because world security concerns banned them from exporting their lamps crafted from handmade paper.

This meant closing their showroom in a major mall in Iloilo City, laying off about 30 workers, and finding work that could support a family and the Covenant Reformed Church that has Baptist roots.

A LIFE-CHANGING ENCOUNTER

Little did Langurayan, a native of Roxas City in the province of Capiz know that a chance encounter with one of those who bought lamps from him in 1998 would save his business.

Young businessman Edgar "Injap" Sia II was checking the decorative lamps of his restaurant at the food court of a major mall when he met Langurayan and was pleased to know that he was a "kasimanwa" (townmate).

Injap of the agressive quick service restaurant, Mang Inasal, was in the process of conceptualizing the barbeque chicken food chain when he took a liking to his decorative lamps.

When Injap opened his first Mang Inasal Restaurant at Robinson's Place in Iloilo City last Dec. 12, 2003, he ordered 23 droplights and upon knowing the bad state of Langurayan's lamp business that was then getting by whatever small orders that come along, he committed that all Mang Inasal franchises will have to get their droplights from Langurayan.

That was seven years ago and Langurayan has delivered more than 7,500 droplights to Mang Inasal that opened its 300th restaurant on October 1 this year.

It has also been seven years of progress for Langurayan's family, workers, and church located at St. Vincent Street in San Vicente Village, Leganes, Iloilo.



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"The droplights that you see in every Mang Inasal restaurant are not ordinary lamps. The story behind them is one of inspiration and loyalty based on a desire to make other people's lives better."

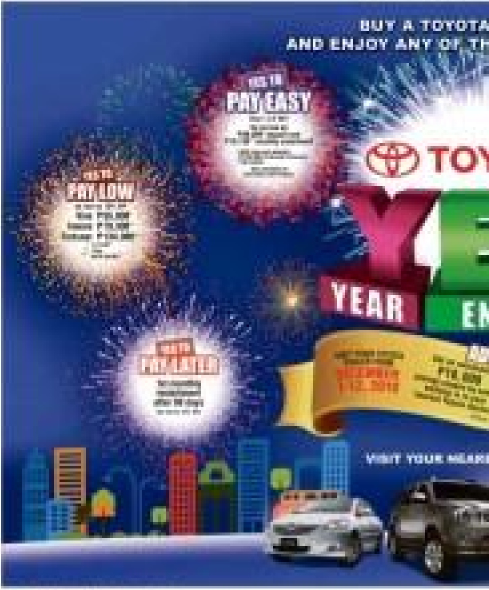
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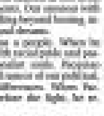
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Mayoyong Ordoñez

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Justice or death?

Debt of gratitude

No free condoms

TALK of the TOWN

Help conserve 'ludong'



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Seasonal trade

Size decreasing

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Milestones in PH research on Cestreaus plicatilis

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PYROCLASTIC

Surviving fury of Mt. Pinatubo without really trying

Century's 2nd biggest

Fateful Saturday

It was just past 8 a.m.

Midnight at 10 a.m.

Endless trip

White carabao



DESOLATION

Across the NATION

Gov's hand seen in poll tricks in youth council



STARTING 'EM YOUNG Young voters look for their names on the Comelec list during the Oct. 25 elections for barangay and youth council positions.

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—The simultaneous election of Sangguniang Kabataan chairs in various municipalities in Palawan on Friday came under fire from various sectors after several parents of SK members claimed that local officials interfered in the electoral exercise.

Two parents of SK candidates from interior barangays in Narra, 93 km south of Puerto Princesa City, sought police help on Thursday to retrieve their children after finding out they were being detained in a lodging facility in the capital along with several other SK candidates from other municipalities on the eve of the elections.

Mely Bulahaho said express she found her daughter Thursday night in a pension house in the city along with other youth leaders.

Fully booked

Local reporters who visited the pension house D&M on Mendoza Street said the place was fully booked with SK members from various parts of Palawan.

John Ordas, a relative of an SK leader from Narra, told the Inquirer that his niece, SK chair of Barangay Tinagong Dagat in Narra, left home Monday accompanied allegedly by the sons of Palawan Gov. Abraham Mitra early this week.

Ordas said the child was fetched in the capital Friday noon after she was brought by her companions to a public place.

He claimed that the child's family had been promised by alleged Mitra's men of scholarship in exchange for coming to Puerto Princesa City on the eve of the SK municipal federation elections.

Governor's call

Ordas said the parents accepted the offer of the local officials.

"What I know was that it was the governor who called for the youth leaders. I just wanted to help my sister-in-law who was worried about her child," he said.

The Inquirer sought the office of Mitra, through its provincial information office, for a response on the allegation made by Ordas but has yet to receive a reply.

The city police, however, clarified that the children who were retrieved by their parents Friday had issued a statement to the police that they went to the capital voluntarily.

"They issued a statement saying they came here on their own free will," said police chief Rolando Bonoan.

Liable

Social Welfare Secretary Dinky Soliman, in an interview over RMN Palawan, said the parents may even be legally liable if it was proven that they had allowed their children to be used for political ends in exchange for material favors.

"It can amount to forced abduction or kidnapping," lawyer Harry Roque said in the same radio interview.

A former SK official told the Inquirer that the practice of cloistering candidates "has been going on for a long time" and is regarded as a common tactic employed by local officials to influence the outcome of local elections.

Dirty politics

"Even during my time when I was SK chair, we had experienced it. Local political leaders would entice the SK members with offers and take their supporters so that they ended up beholden to them as political patrons," said Elizabeth Maclang, a former SK chair from Puerto Princesa City.

The SK municipal federation election held Friday simultaneously in Palawan is a prelude to the selection of the provincial SK chair and the city SK chair who will occupy positions in the provincial board and city council as ex officio members. **Redempto D. Anda, Inquirer Southern Luzon**

Dirty water kills child, sickens 263 villagers

New methane plant opens to supply 4MW of power

Waste from Manila

Trapped gas



REMINDER

Army vows to stay away from probe of slaying

Maguindanao village projects show promise

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INQUIRER Mindanao

In a land where choices don't exist



Ordeal

Scary word

Box of hope

> This has become a habit for me, looking for signs of smoke coming from houses at mealtime. If there was none, there was no cooking being done. The children will go to bed, or through the rest of the day, with empty stomachs.



No smoke, no food

Land of few choices

Doubt

Wrong diagnosis



GenSan execs back live TV coverage of trial



CANDLES are lit during activities marking the first anniversary of the Maguindanao massacre.

NEWSBRIEFS

CAMP VICENTE LIM

Man held for rape

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BAGUIO CITY

Archivists' seminar

TUGUEGARAO CITY

Taiwan firm attacked



GLOBAL Pinoy

Editor Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

He made it in New York

But designer Rafe Totengco never forgot his hometown

AT 18, Bacolod-born Rafe Totengco was doing well designing bags for a store in Manila. But he chucked all that in 1989 and headed for New York, one of the most competitive design and fashion markets in the world.



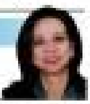
OUTSTANDING OVERSEAS PINOY. Acclaimed accessory designer Rafe Totengco is one of this year's recipients of the Presidential "Pamana ng Pilipino" Award.

Model OFW families awarded



HOTLINE FOR PINOYS IN HK. Globe and the Natasha Goulbourn Foundation (NGF)

Children who suffer for decisions they did not make



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RIZAL PARK

Manila landmark undergoes facelift

By Cyril L. Bonabente



WORKERS put finishing touches on the new Rizal Park fountain [illegible]

STIGMATIZED by the killing of Hong Kong tourists in its premises by a dismissed policeman last August and the deterioration of its facilities, Rizal Park is now undergoing a makeover aimed at restoring its former glory.

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Not knee-jerk reaction

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Picnic area

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Coming soon: E-trikes on the streets of Mandaluyong

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay



PROMOTERS of the new mode of transport vouch for its efficiency, durability and practicality.



THE E-TRICYCLE project takes off with generous funding from Asian Development Bank.

13 'kuliglig' drivers freed after posting bail

Police catch up with suspect in killing of school principal

By Kristine Felisse Mangunay

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Jennylyn charged in QC court

Job fair in NHA Southville

Palanca, 83

Regina Carmeli Malolos reunion

Europe deaths from deep freeze reach 40



India journalist ends up in the headline

No limit to S. Korea's retaliation, defense minister warns North

Facing its worst natural disaster, Israel appeals for int'l assistance



US Congress mandates quieter TV ads

Thai tech pioneer converts waste into wealth



The WORLD

Wikileaks: Gadhafi caused nuke scare

LONDON—Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi caused a month-long nuclear scare in 2009 when he delayed the return to Russia of radioactive material in an apparent fit of diplomatic pique, leaked US embassy cables showed on Saturday.



GADHAFI

The incident was kept secret by US diplomats who feared "shoddy" security at Libya's Tajoura nuclear facility near Tripoli risked the theft of the 5.2 kg of highly enriched uranium (HEU), according to documents released by the website WikiLeaks.

The seven casks of spent nuclear fuel were due to be flown to Russia for disposal on a specialized transport plane in November 2009 as part of Gadhafi's promise to abandon Libya's program of weapons of mass destruction.

But instead Libya refused permission and the Russian plane took off without its cargo, leaving the casks on the runway tarmac at Tajoura overseen by a solitary guard.

The reason for the sudden change of plan appeared to be that Gadhafi had taken offense at his treatment during his visit to New York to address the United Nations two months earlier.

Gadhafi had felt "humiliated" after being barred from pitching his large Bedouin tent in New York and from visiting the Ground Zero site of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, his son Saif al-Islam told Gene Cretz, the US ambassador to Tripoli.

Details of the cables were published in Britain's The Guardian newspaper, one of a number of publications which has been given advance access by WikiLeaks to over 250,000 cables.

The cables reveal the increasing anxiety of US and Russian officials over the fate of the nuclear fuel, which was only sealed for transport, not storage, and would overheat and crack their casks if not swiftly dealt with.

A US diplomat told a Libyan official there could be an "environmental disaster" if the casks were not shipped to Russia for disposal within a month, one cable showed.

Cretz wrote on Nov. 28 at the start of the crisis that it was essential to keep the incident secret.

"Given the highly transportable nature of the HEU and the shoddy security at Tajoura, any mention of this issue in the press could pose serious security concerns," he said.

"The Libyan government has chosen a very dangerous issue on which to register its apparent pique about perceived problems in the bilateral relationship," he added.

The crisis was resolved after US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sent a personal message to Gadhafi assuring him of the US's commitment to its relationship with Libya.

The message was positively received and security was stepped up around the nuclear material before a Russian plane took off from Tripoli with the fuel on Dec. 21.

A cable reporting the flight's departure stated that it marked the successful completion of Libya's commitments to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

It added that the month-long impasse had taken a "visible toll" on Ali Gashut, the head of the Libyan Atomic Energy Establishment.

Reuters



PRESIDENT Barack Obama greets troops at a rally during an unannounced visit at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan on Dec. 3.

Obama pays surprise visit to US troops in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama swept into a dark and windy Afghanistan Friday for a surprise holiday season visit with troops as the nine-year American-led war heads into a new phase intended to finally begin transferring control of the country to Afghan forces.

Wrapped in a tight cocoon of secrecy and security, Obama landed at Bagram Air Base, north of Kabul, on a pitch-black evening. He told thousands of American service members who greeted him that they had begun to turn the tide in a war that has frustrated commanders and soldiers alike for nearly a decade.

The weather in Afghanistan confounded the president's plans, though, just as it has foreign forces over the centuries. The notoriously gusty winds whipped around him at 72 kph and dust clouds limited visibility, grounding the helicopter that was to take him to Kabul to meet with President Hamid Karzai.

A backup plan to confer via video teleconference was scrapped because of technical problems. In the end, the two leaders talked by telephone for 15 minutes, never laying eyes on each other, even though they were just 58 km apart.

White House officials played down the glitches, saying Obama's main mission during his three-and-a-half-hour stay was to show support for the troops heading into another holiday season far from home. The president had met with Karzai just two weeks ago at a NATO summit meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, where the two set forth a plan to gradually start turning over the lead role in the war to Afghan forces next year, with the aim of ending the foreign combat mission by 2014.

"Thanks to your service, we are making important progress," Obama, wearing a bomber jacket and dark slacks, told more than 3,500 troops at Bagram. "We said we were going to break the Taliban's momentum, and that's what you're doing. You're going on the offense, tired of playing defense, targeting their leaders, pushing them out of their strongholds."

"Today," he continued, "we can be proud that there are fewer areas under Taliban control and more Afghans have a chance to build a more hopeful future."

"Because of the service of the men and women of the United States military, because of the progress you're making, we look forward to a new phase next year, the beginning of a transition to Afghan responsibility."

The president offered a more positive assessment of the situation on the ground than he has in some time, influenced perhaps by the optimism expressed in recent weeks by his commanding general, Gen. David H. Petraeus. US military forces have tripled, to 100,000, on Obama's watch and he has vowed to begin reducing the number of troops next July.

Others in Washington and Kabul have been more skeptical of the claims of progress, though, noting the unabated and pervasive corruption of Karzai's government, the resilience of the insurgency despite escalated attacks, and the debacle of recent peace talks that turned out to be held not with a senior Taliban leader but an impostor.

Obama, too, dwelled on the continuing cost of the war, noting the platoon he met that had lost six members, the five Purple Hearts he awarded in the base hospital and the Medal of Honor he presented recently to an American soldier at the White House.

New York Times News Service

Jobless rate rises to 9.8 % in blow to US recovery hopes

AFTER SEVERAL months of improvement, hiring by businesses slowed to a crawl in November, a development that is sure to intensify the debate over what can and should be done to reignite the economy.

The United States added a total of just 39,000 jobs last month, down from an upwardly revised gain of 172,000 in October, the Labor Department reported on Friday. With local governments shedding jobs, the additions in the private sector were too small to reduce the ranks of the unemployed or even to keep pace with people entering the work force.

The unemployment rate, which is based on a separate survey of households, rose to 9.8 percent in November. It was the highest jobless rate since April and up from 9.6 percent in October.

The outlook remains bleak. More than 15 million people are out of work, among them 6.3 million who have been jobless for six months or longer. Many are about to exhaust their unemployment benefits, which have been extended repeatedly by the government because of the severity of the downturn.

The latest snapshot of the labor market cast a pall over what had been a brightening picture of a steadying economy. In recent weeks, the average number of people applying for unemployment benefits has generally declined. Pending home sales topped forecasts in October, while last month's retail sales posted one of the biggest increases in years.

The anemic job figures could lend support to the Obama administration's call to extend unemployment benefits as well as to recent efforts by Ben S. Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chief, to continue to stimulate the economy.

New York Times News Service



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PCA Open favorites crush opponents



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Pucay in middle of Indian Open pack

Agojo trails by two

La Salle, Ateneo still lead ICTSI Inter-School golf



St. Jude overall PSL champ



Tiger still hot, seizes four-shot cushion

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Celtics crush Bulls behind KG, Rondo

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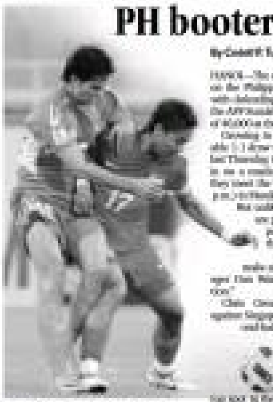
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VIÑA DOMINGO is formerly a senior designer from the Product Development and Design Center of the Philippines.

The competition

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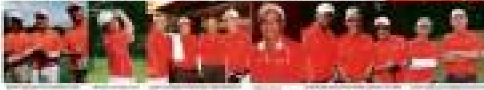


ING BANK'S regional CEO Vaughn Richtor (right) and ING Bank country manager Conrado Garcia (second from right) get their hands dirty while making a wall for the 2nd ING Village in Calauan, Laguna.

2010 MVP Cup

In the company of winners


















Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

Sunday Biz

Microentrepreneurs continue to inspire

By Riza T. Olchondra

CITIBANK PHILIPPINES and Citi Foundation, in partnership with the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the Microfinance Council of the Philippines Inc., recognized 11 Filipino microentrepreneurs in the 8th Citi Microentrepreneur of the Year Awards at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila.

"The triumph of our microentrepreneurs reflects the triumph of microfinance institutions (MFIs) which provided valuable assets to finance their enterprises," Gov. Tetangco tells stakeholders at the awards ceremony.

The success stories of awardees, he says, shows that microfinance can be implemented in a formal and prudently regulated environment, that sustainability can be balanced with social responsibility, and "small clients can become good clients," given the right products and services.

Last month, a survey of 54 countries ranked the Philippines as the second-best performing country for microfinance and the best worldwide in terms of "Overall Microfinance Business Environment" in the 2010 study conducted by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). Peru was the top-ranked country.

"We improved our ranking from No. 3 to No. 2 by overtaking Bolivia. The Philippines also maintained its ranking in the policy and regulatory framework sub-category," Tetangco says.



CITI MICROENTREPRENEURS of the Year winners Ester Lumbo and Nora Bagalso. On the second row, Gov. Amando Tetangco Jr. with Tessie Sy-Coson, Mario Prieto and Sanjiv Vohra. Behind them, Josy Concepcion, Dr. Darwin Yu and Antonino Alindogan Jr.



NORA Bagalso, national winner for Masaklaw category, receives her award from BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. and Citi country manager Sanjiv Vohra.



ESTER Lumbo, winner for Maalikap category, is greeted by an officer from her microfinance institution partner, as Gov. Tetangco and Sanjiv Vohra look on.

Citibank Philippines country head Sanjiv Vohra says, "After eight years, they (microentrepreneurs) continue to inspire all of us."

He says that since 2002, the awards' success resulted in the roll-out to over 23 countries.

Microentrepreneurs, he says, are the new hope of this generation and the force that will "take this nation to new heights."

The awards program has been successful in increasing awareness for microfinance, and providing incentives to microentrepreneurs to enhance technology, improve production, and accelerate income-generating activities.

Through the years, the inspiring stories of awardees have served as motivation for other microentrepreneurs to succeed in their own fields. This year, Citibank is giving more than P1 million pesos to deserving awardees in various categories.

The Maalikap Award is given to a microentrepreneur who successfully started a business that is now a reliable source of income for the family. Under this category, one National Awardee gets P200,000, while three Island Group Awardees (one for Luzon, another for Visayas and a third for Mindanao) receive P100,000 each.

The national awardee in Maalikap category is Ester Lumbo from Negros Oriental, who manufactures export-quality bags made of pandan. Island Group winners are Zenaida Arellaneda, a maker of pawid or nipa shingles [illegible], the winner from Luzon; Mary Ann Reyes, who produces [illegible], from the Visayas; and Rosalina Cancio, who owns a [illegible], from Mindanao.

The Masaklaw Award is given to microentrepreneurs whose businesses are generating employment for other people aside from household or family members. As with the Maalikap category, one National Awardee gets P300,000, while three Island Group Awardees receive P100,000 each.

The national awardee for the Masaklaw category is Nora Bagalso, fisher and net-and-store owner from the Visayas. The Island Group winners are [illegible] Gabriel from Luzon, organic farmer [illegible] from the Visayas and owner and manager of a manpower services company [illegible] from Mindanao.

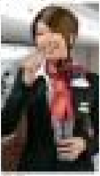
Special Awards are also given to three microentrepreneurs engaged in agriculture, green or sustainable enterprises, and businesses operating in hard-to-reach areas. These awardees receive P75,000 each.

[illegible] wins in the agriculture category, [illegible] gets the prize in the category for businesses operating in hard-to-reach areas, while recycler [illegible] wins for green or sustainable enterprises.

Each year, the selection process starts with nominations coming from consumer network agencies of MCPI or the Microfinance Council of the Philippines. These entries are then screened by the Country Team, composed of senior representatives from Citi Philippines, BSP and MCPI. The same team later convenes to choose the finalists.

The final screening is done by the National Selection Committee, co-chaired by the BSP Governor Amando Tetangco and Citibank's Country Head Sanjiv Vohra, together with pillars from the print media, the academe, and the private or business sector: Josy Concepcion, Mario Prieto, Tessie Sy-Coson, [illegible], Antonino Alindogan Jr., Dr. Darwin Yu and Fernando Zobel de Ayala.

Youth and the workplace



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Bayan Business 'arrives' at Fort Bonifacio Global City!

Gerry's Grill expands in Boracay

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Sunday BIZ

Time to move the country up the respect ladder

> We wanted to focus on the Filipino's hospitality, enticing visitors to call the Philippines their home

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Sunday LIFESTYLE



It's a merry (carnival) Christmas!

Windows to the country's upbeat mood



By Cheche V. Moral

IT'S IN keeping with the country's upbeat mood that luxury retailer Rustan's' Christmas window is carnival-colorful this year.

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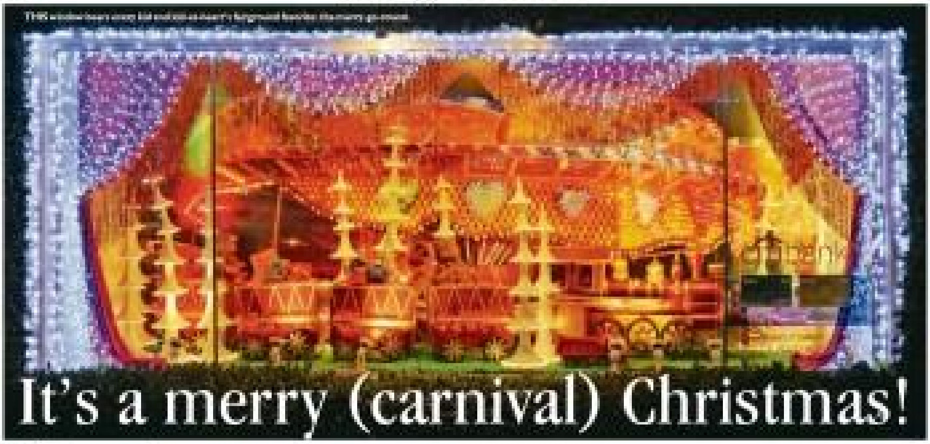


ZENAIDA Tantoco, president of Rustan Commercial Corp. [illegible]



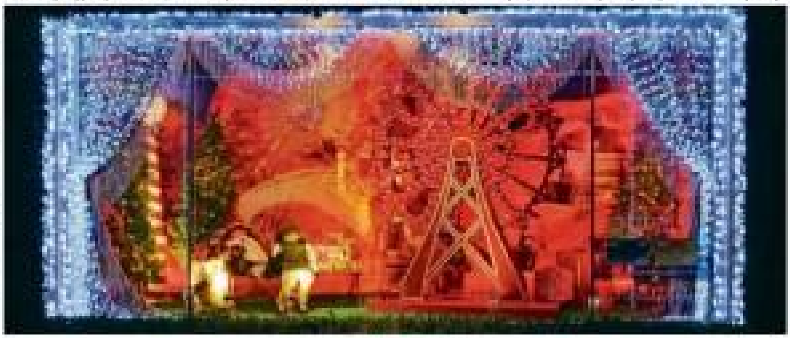
ANTON T. Huang, executive vice president, Rustan Commercial Corp.

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From the beginning, Racks has built its reputation on providing the best ribs in town. One of the country's favorite family restaurants, Racks is back to satisfy your taste buds. Things are just getting bigger and better as time passes by, with new choices added to the menu that the whole family will love for sure.

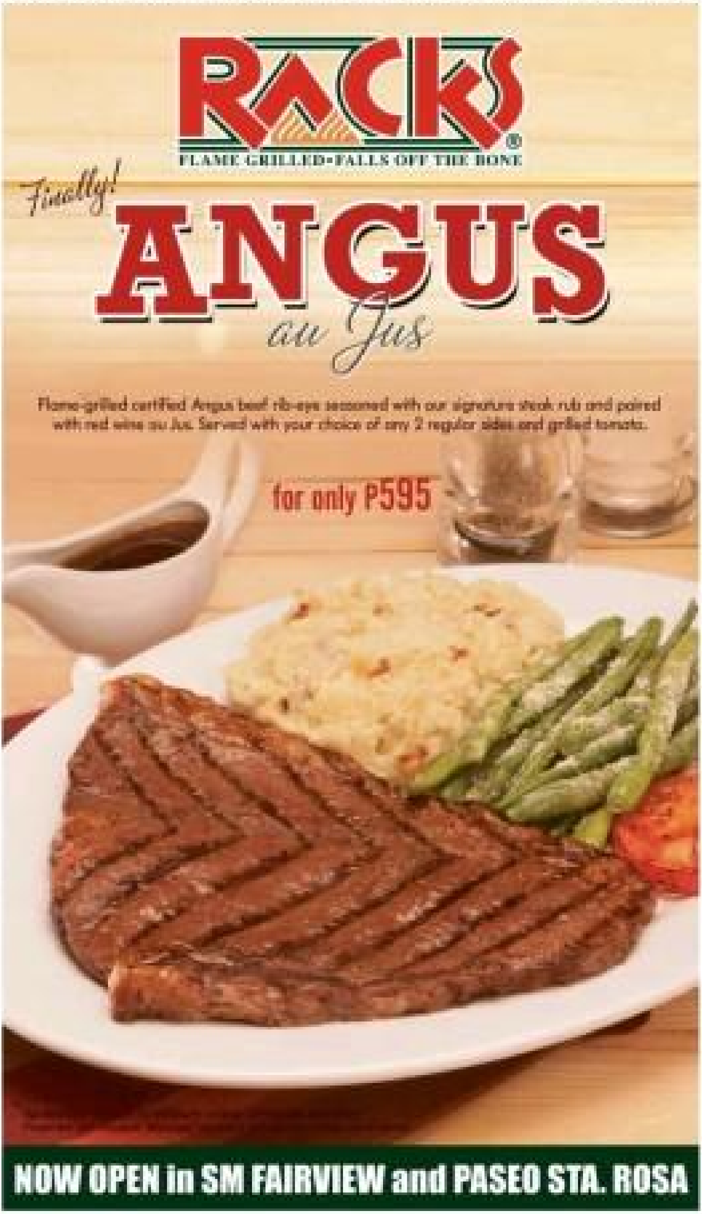
Authentic beef-lovers know there's no substitute for a perfectly-cooked and flavorful steak. For many years, Angus has been a top name in quality beef. Thus, Racks Product Development Team crafted an exquisitely, innovative main dish using certified Angus Beef prepared with top quality ingredients at a very affordable price, served in a warm, comfortable atmosphere with friendly service.

Finally, Racks introduces Angus au Jus, flame-grilled certified Angus rib-eye, seasoned with our signature steak rub paired with red wine Jus, and served with your choice of any two (2) regular sides and grilled tomato. The full-flavored Angus rib-eye steak is juicy, tender, and oozing with flavors with every bite. Steaks are grilled to order over an open flame searing in, the natural meat juices for that wonderful taste. Red wine Jus, on the other hand, perfectly balances the flavor of the grilled steak making it a matchless accompaniment for that great steak dining experience.

Special side dishes were also introduced to complement the Angus au Jus, making everything more special. We are bringing back an old time favorite! Roasted Garlic Mash is back to give your usual, plain mashed potato a twist, by whipping in some roasted garlic and olive oil. Mashed potato lovers will definitely appreciate this terrific roasted garlic version.
There is nothing better than fresh Sauteed Green Beans with Parmesan paired with your Angus au Jus. Olive oil sauteed green beans tossed with parmesan cheese, just cooked right to bring out the flavor of fresh-from-the-garden green beans. Both are also available as an a la carte item, just in case you want an extra serving of these great-tasting sides.

Indulge with your friends and family and have a taste of Racks Angus au Jus now. We'll make sure you will come back for more.

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TOY KINGDOM'S

Twelve Toys of Christmas

'Tis the time of year when kids draw up their wish lists and keep their fingers crossed that they will wake up to see their dream toy under the Christmas tree.
Play Santa this Christmas with amazing toys from Toy Kingdom,
which suggests twelve toys that will surely bring a smile to the little ones. And to make shopping more convenient, Toy Kingdom now has kiosks at all SM Supermalls.
You can also visit Toy Kingdom Express outlets in all SM Department Stores.
Check out Toy Kingdom's Twelve Toys of Christmas and more at our stores and at our website at www.toykingdom.ph





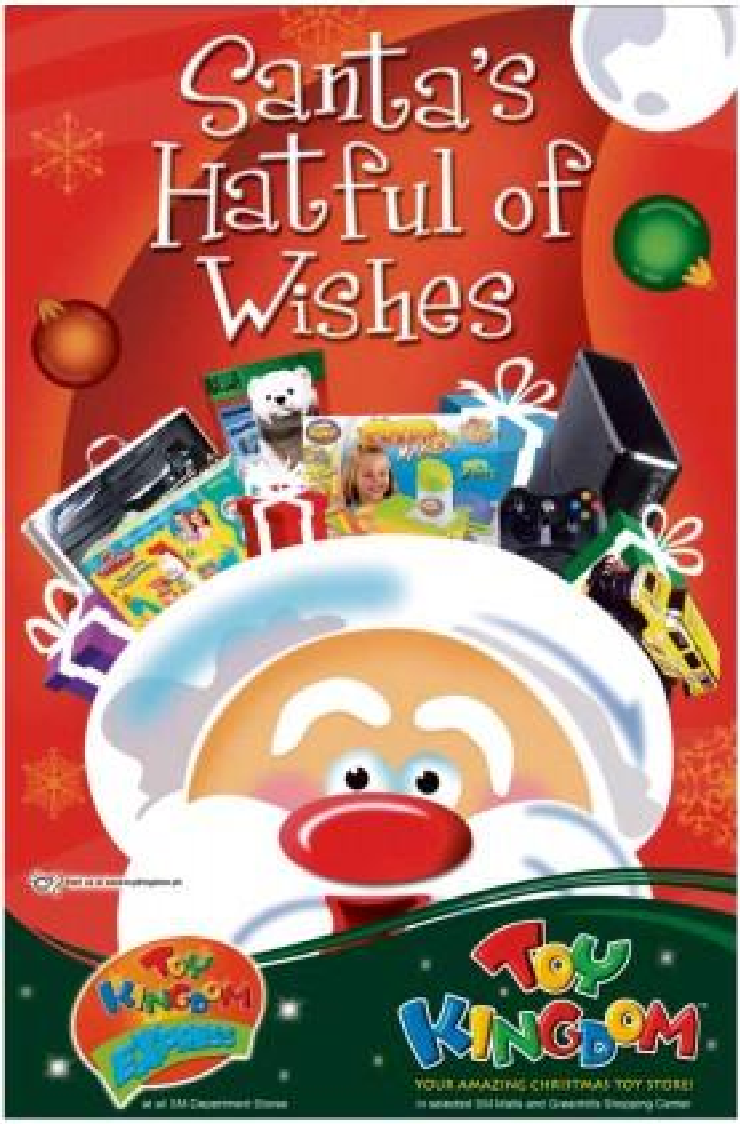






















Sunday LifeStyle

Victor and Maggie in hottest prenup ever

It's the talk of the town

SORRY, PRINCE William. Sorry, Kate Middleton. Yes, your wedding will be huge and the whole world will be talking about it, but we've forgotten about you. For now.

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Hot? Sexy? Wild? Tacky? Inappropriate? Practically pornographic? We're still deciding.

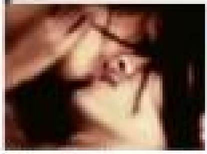
One thing sure—it's steamy.

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VICTOR Consunji and Maggie Wilson in prenup video





MORE scenes from the video

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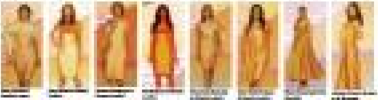
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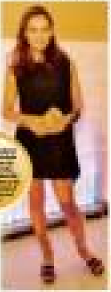
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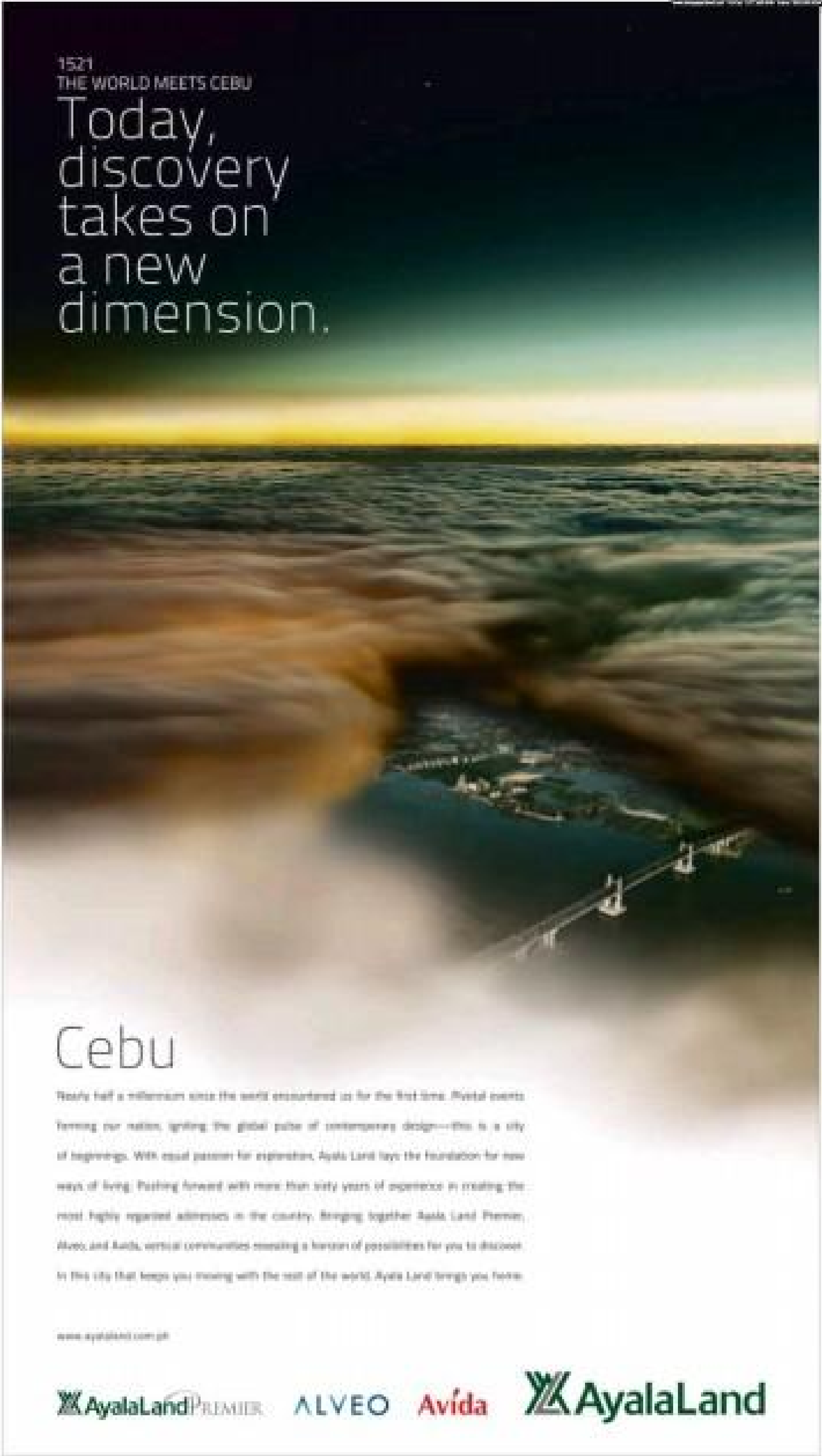











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Sunday LifeStyle

PDI is certified silver!

WHERE WERE you 25 years ago? In 1985, the Philippine Daily Inquirer was born during the turbulent end of the Marcos regime.

Today, that baby newspaper celebrates its Silver Anniversary as the No. 1 newspaper in the country. [illegible]



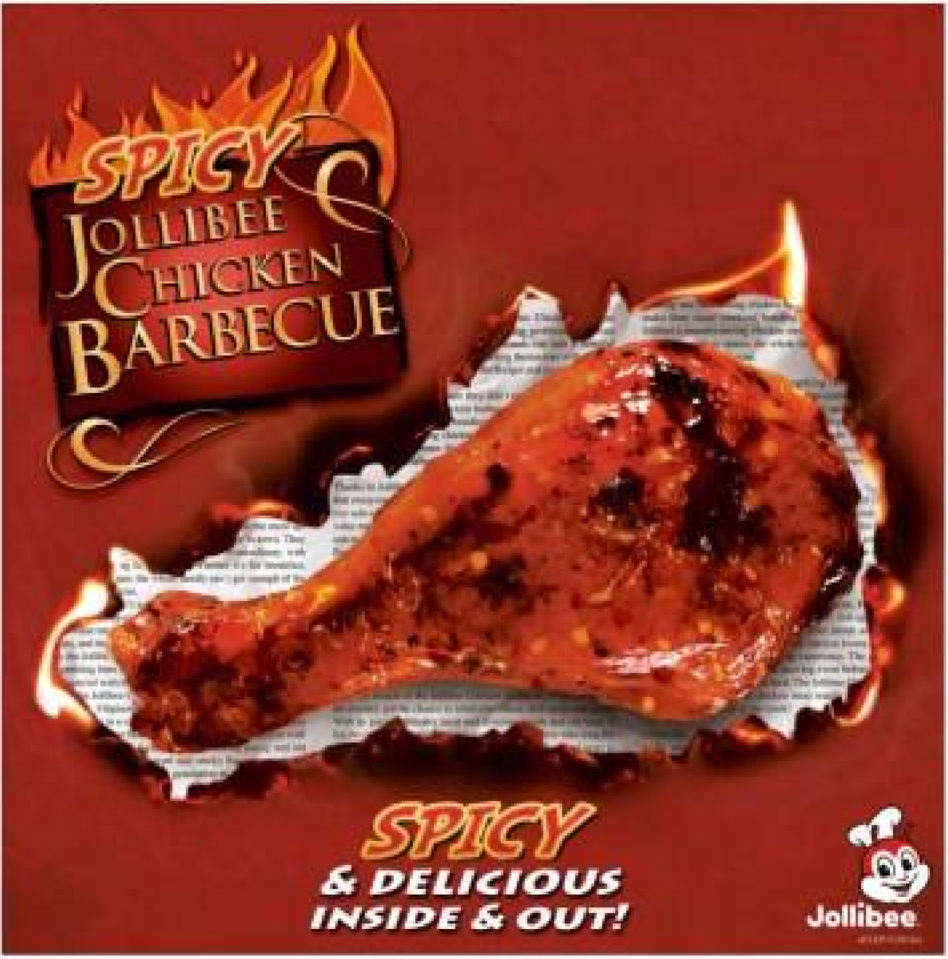
And SM North turns 25, too

Tessa!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

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TESSA Prieto-Valdes, Inquirer editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc and Dennis Valdes

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HOTEL Elizabeth friends: Sculptor-painter Ricardo Go, Michelle, Danan's Chase Yap, Pamela Damaso, Clark Yap, Maureen Damaso, Cathy Jao, JP Enriquez, Miguel Singco, Lancaster Suite's Christine Tago, Jericho Fernando, Joan Fernando and Sea Princess

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Jimenez-Magsanoc and others who had stuck it out with the paper for all of 25 years.

Like all newspapers, PDI has evolved beyond the printed page. Aside from the No. 1 website, Inquirer.net, we now also have mobile breaking news and Radyo Inquirer at DZIQ 990 AM. Different media, but always dedicated to balanced news and fearless views.

SM and friends

Coincidentally it was also the silver Anniversary of SM North Edsa. SM founder and my wedding sponsor Henry Sy Sr. honored 52 of their business partners who have been with SM all these years.

SM North was truly a huge risk on the part of the Sy family and their tenant partners, built at a time when "capital flight" and "brain drain" were the economic events of endearment. It was but fitting to note that many of SM's initial tenants are now captains of industry in their own right.

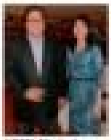
My mom never fails to tell us about how Henry Sy started the speedo brother shoe store from her dad, Vicente Bulkin. The two became close, and my late was one of Mr. Sy's wedding sponsors. What goes around, comes around.

When it comes to thanking its partners, the SM group spares no expense, raffling off an Audi during the evening's festivities. More importantly, SM did not forget our less fortunate countrymen, as they also turned over 20 homes in the SM-GK Village to Gawad Kalinga's chairman Tony Meloto.

SM has recently raised its stakes in tourism, opening the 400-room Radisson Blu Hotel in Cebu. SM Hotels president Elizabeth Sy welcomed guests, headed by President Aquino, at the gala launch, noting that the group has always wanted to open a premier hotel in our country's second city.

The Radisson Blu is the first upscale hotel in the Asia-Pacific managed by the US-based Carlson global hotel chain. Catering to business and leisure travelers, it is certain to be a landmark of Cebu. Besides, it is so conveniently located, just beside the SM mall in Cebu.

There must be something to these SM launches because once again, an Audi A4 was raffled off. I know I'll be attending all of their events in the future, for sure! The lucky Cebuano winner was Mactan Shangri-La/Ocean Resort owner Joan Alegrado.


HOTEL Elizabeth architect Lod Perz and his lovely wife Cecile


GRAND Prize winner Joan Alegrado with her Audi A4 at Radisson Blu Hotel


GOOD friends Carol Sy and Robert Coniorio of Audi


CEBU elite ladies Marguerite Lhuillier, Amy Sepulo, Iris Arcenas, Sea Princess, Mia Jimenez, Joan Alegrado, Ilsa Collas, Agnes Huettel and other elegant Cebuana ladies


THE COMPANY members Joy Marquez, Sweet Plantado, Cecil Bautista, Annie Quintos and May Olvis with Sea Princess and musical head Miguel Moreno


HOTEL Elizabeth guests of honor Gov. Gwen Garcia with me now, Fernando family Alex and husband Joel, Jericho, Joan, Ruth and husband Jec and Jim and wife Angel


The "edge" and the bubbles, the Inquirer service and show

My fave boutique hotel

Also opening in Cebu, just beside the other mall in town, the Ayala Mall, was the Hotel Elizabeth. In the boutique hotel world, this is my fave place. The original Hotel Elizabeth was in Baguio, where it has been Hotel of the Year for three years.

Today, Art and Ruth Fernando of the Prestal Hotel Group, which runs the hotel, have opened up Hotel Elizabeth right on Archbishop Reyes Street in the heart of Cebu. The Cebu hotel maintains the same Mediterranean feel as its Baguio cousin, down to the hand-painted murals along the interiors done by top interior designer Tessa Yrastg.

Although the hotel is a small one, there's a gym, a spa, and even a Terrazza Outdoor Garden, where the Fern Café specializes in healthy Mediterranean cuisine. Best of all, there's complimentary Wi-Fi all over the hotel.

At the launch, Joan Salonga Fernando, hotel's director of marketing, told me that their boutique hotel is something unique for business travelers who want a well-designed room with service tailored to each guest's needs. Gov. Gwen Garcia of Cebu was among the guests of honor, who enjoyed a fashion show of designer Ronald Enrica and a live body-painting exhibition by Alfred Sudvey and his design team.

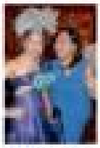
Hotel Elizabeth (reservations@hotelelizabeth.com.ph or 02-912-3691 or 032-231-8000) also has a 50 percent off promo until Dec. 15, so don't fail to check it out if you're in Cebu.

In closing, check out the SMX Holiday Outlet Sale 2010 on Dec. 17-20 at SMX Convention Hall 4 MOA. With up to 80 percent off on the biggest brands, Malibu Enterprise, sponsored by BPI Express Credit Edge, powered by SEN, Sollofold, and Stylebible.ph, brings you the perfect shopping opportunity.

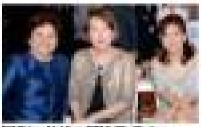
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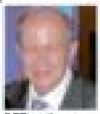
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SMIC President Hans Sy, Cebu City Mayor Mike Rama, Cebu Gov. Gwen Garcia, SMHCC President Elizabeth Sy and Mariquita Salimbangon Yeung


SEA PRINCESS with Irene Perez


Prism List R: SMIC president Hans Sy, SMIC first EVP Herbert Sy, SMIC vice chairman Teresita Sy-Coson, SMHCC president Elizabeth Sy, Radisson Blu Hotel Cebu GM Brent Gonlin, Carlson Hotels Asia Pacific EVP for operations Lee Lewis, Carlson Hotels Asia Pacific manager for development and planning Jos Jansen, Carlson Hotels Asia Pacific EVP and COO Barbara Maher-Horst


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JUST get the guy— Inquirer's Editor columnist Jaime Huzman


JOAN Fernando, Lee Abuan from Las Vegas, Elena Legaspi of Rosalito, Zita Lim of Giordano Philippines, Cory Mogbat from Chicago, designer Judith Pajaro and Josephine Yu


CLOSE Friend Jojo Ongcabo next to Hotel Elizabeth murals


ZEE magazine publisher Ilsa Collas, SM Hotels tech boss Elizabeth Sy, Marguerite Lhuillier, Iris Arcenas, Agnes Huettel, Sea Princess and Christine Bautista


HOTEL Elizabeth interior designer Tessa Yrastg, Joan Fernando, Winner of Grand Prize Pham Ngoc Tin and sister Abigail Ngo


HOTEL Elizabeth owner Elizabeth Fernando, Sea Princess, designer Judith Pajaro, Lee Abuan from Vegas, Lenny Lim of Giordano Philippines


JB Sports Joel Fernando, Sec. Gerry Bocks and JB Music's Jerico Fernando


HOTEL Elizabeth Team: Tessa Valdes, Leonardo and Leandro Perez of LoDoco, Joan Fernando, Elizabeth Fernando, Anna Garden of Tressa Group, Joe Fernando, Jeals, Vergel-Shetle, Jeri Fernando, Benna Cuenco (GM), Kathy Argale (RM)


FEATURED Cebu designer Ronald Villanueva (center) with partner Bernie Lingaolingao, Sea Princess and his models


SMHCC VP Bigi Tiano, Radisson Blu Hotel Cebu GM Brent Gonlin, SMIC VP for investor relations Cora Baldelo, SMIC VP for business development Christine Bautista


CONGRESSMAN Luigi Quisumbing, Elizabeth Fernando, Gov. Gwen Garcia, Mayor Michael Rama and Joe Fernando

Sunday LifeStyle

On the love boat



Willie and Shalani on the "Wowowee" yacht

Are Willie and Shalani sailing off into the glorious horizon of wedded bliss?

By Louie Cruz
Contributor



THERE ARE always last-minute changes in plans whenever Willie Revillame organizes outings. We were set to drive to the cool mountains of Tagaytay, but this changed.

ON THE LOVE BOAT E3



INQUIRERER, the Inquirer's award-winning choir, serenades the guests at the company's 25th anniversary party at Makati Shangri-La on Wednesday. The female singers are wearing custom-made romantic parlodable, silk chiffon gowns by eminent designer Auggie Cordero.

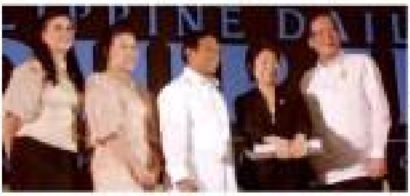


INQUIRER CEO and president Sandy Romualdez with Ayala Corp. president and COO Fernando Zobel, Inquirer board director Charlie Rufino, Inquirer publisher Isagani Yambot and Inquirer vice president and CEO Paolo Prieto.



ROMUALDEZ with Inquirer chair Marixi Prieto, President Aquino and HSBC Phils. president and CEO Tony Cripps





ROMUALDEZ and Prieto are joined onstage by President Aquino and Vice President Jejomar Binay, with (above) Rustan Commercial Corp. president Zenaida Tantoco and Shopwise president Donnie Tantoco, and (left photo) SM Group's Tessie Sy-Coson.

PDI 25TH ANNIVERSARY

Auggie Cordero-clad choir serenades P-Noy, tycoons

TRAFFIC WENT on a standstill on the streets surrounding Makati Shangri-La on Wednesday night as the Inquirer marked its silver anniversary, with the Presidential Security Group tightening up security in the vicinity: President Aquino was the guest of honor, and the country's top tycoons were also in attendance.

The evening's highlight was the launch of the commemorative book "Many in Staying," a copy of which was presented to the President by Inquirer chair Marixi Prieto and CEO and president Sandy Prieto Romualdez.

Among the guests, representing the paper's top advertisers who were honored that night, were the Zobel family—Jaime, Bea, Jaime Augusto and Fernando—of the Ayala Corp.; Zenaida Tantoco and nephew Donnie Tantoco of the Rustan's Shopwise group; Tessie Sy-Coson of SM; Tony Cripps of HSBC; Manny V. Pangilinan of PLDT-Smart; Lance Gokongwei and Robina Gokongwei Pe of JG Summit; Tony Tan Caktiong of Jollibee; Andrew Tan of Megaworld; Arthur Ty of Metrobank.

Vice President Jejomar Binay, former Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, Makati City Mayor Junjun Binay along with representatives from the diplomatic community, were also present.

The guests were serenaded by the Inquirerer, the company's award-winning choir, the female singers resplendent in Auggie Cordero's 'mamerformatic' pineapple silk chiffon gowns.



PRIETO and Romualdez flank Inquirer's pioneer and editor in chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc.



JAIME and Bea Zobel view the exhibit wall with Romualdez.

On the love boat

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just like Cleopatra and Mark Anthony did. Taylor and Burton married and divorced twice, just like the Wagners, while Cleopatra got bitten by a snake.

Sad to say there are just a few of the big love affairs the world has witnessed, whose love blossomed on a love boat but ended on a sinking and sour note, separation or divorce.

But why do they have unhappy endings? A Chinese friend told me that relationships or marriages that take place closer to the sea never last, because the sea is always in motion and unstable.

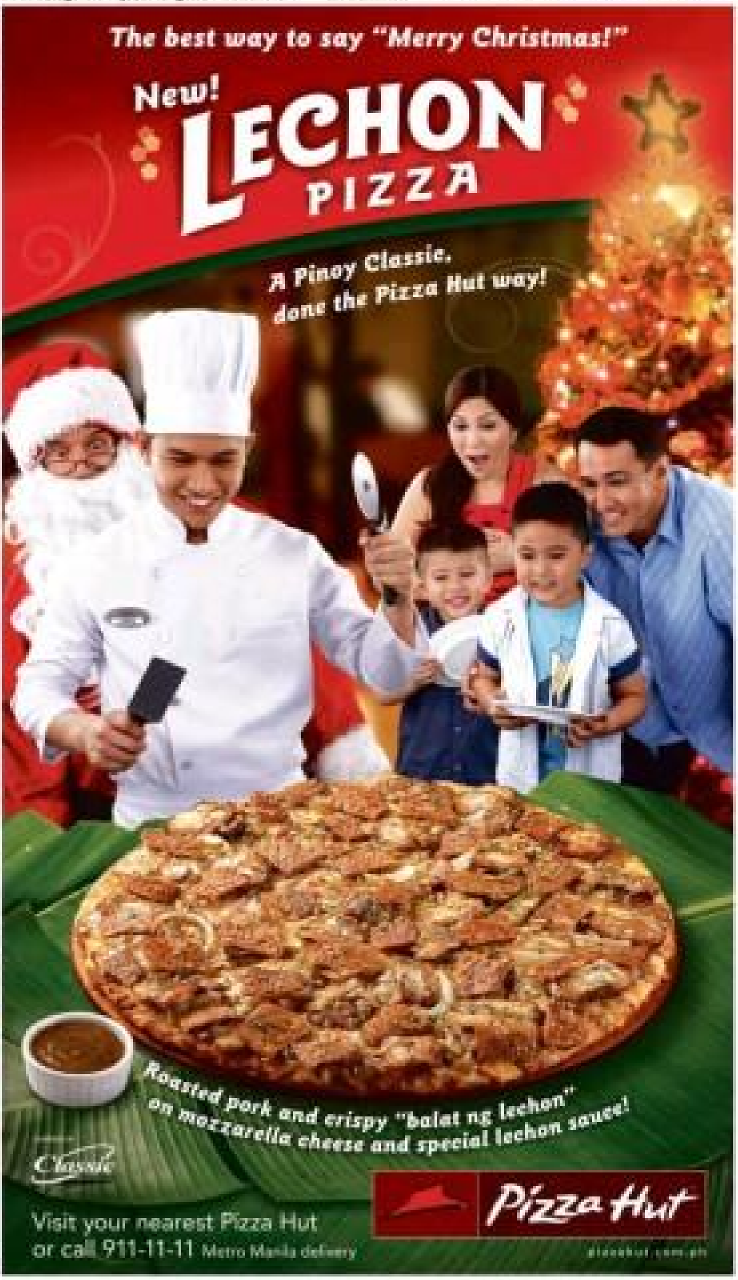
But to inspire Philip and Shakini to go ahead and sail happily into the platinum horizon, one of the greatest love stories is that of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. They were Europe's most talked about couple. They partied and danced, and he courted her on board the royal yacht. Then he gave up his throne. And as we all know, they lived happily ever after.

Pinoy Christmas with Pizza Hut's Lechon Pizza





"Our family always have lechon for Noche Buena. And the taste of the new Lechon Pizza really made me feel like it's Christmas already."





ROCKIN' IT WITH STYLE @SM MEN'S FASHION

MODERN WORKWEAR – Today's working outfit is designed to look good without slowing you down. Mid-length trenchcoats and straight trousers give a nod to the 1950's jetset life with relaxed cuts and a ceramic palette. But it's not all business as usual: cinch an off-kilter belt around the waist for a bold update on a timeless classic.

ROCKABILLY – Rainy, earthy tones and muted checks pay homage to the heyday of Seattle grunge. High-waisted track jackets and relaxed pants are fit the 90's kid.Scarves and bandanas add flair to a dressed-down look.





Sunday LifeStyle Travel

A Marian heritage town like no other

The gentle drawing force is the Virgin of Caysasay who has long had a spiritual influence on the life of Taal and its neighbors





THE small Immaculate Conception Church in Barangay Labac (Home of the Virgin of Caysasay)



THE arch of the Sta. Lucia's well. On this spot the vanishing statue of the Virgin was recovered.



PAINTING of how fisherman Juan Maningkad found the statue of the Virgin.

A Marian heritage town like no other





ALTAR and ceiling of the church in Labac. The painting shows how the vanishing Marian image was recovered.



THE basilica's grand altar.



INTERIOR of the Leon Apacible mansion: Taal boasts of many antique houses turned into heritage sites.

Huge basilica

Rare maliputo

Fished from Pansipit River

Santa Lucia's well

Fluvial procession



NINA Yuson, Virginia Cuenca, Teresita Ang-See, Amelia Alonzo



MAY Tecson, Jurie Lopez, Rosalyn Sason, Claudia Lazaro, Cora Claudio and Evoy Villar



MARVIE Alessandro, Evelyn Singson, Raquel Porton, Jean Macias

TOWNS women celebrate early Christmas



A GATHERING of the country's most influential and acclaimed women got a jump-start on the season by celebrating Christmas early. Past awardees of The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service (TOWNS), one of the country's most prestigious awards for women, got together last Nov. 22 at the Quezon City home of TOWNS awardee and broadcaster Mel Tiangco for their annual Christmas party. Women from business, sports, public service, media and other fields had a great time celebrating their unique sisterhood.

The awards are given every three years by the TOWNS Foundation to Filipino women between 21 and 45 years of age who have excelled in their chosen careers. TOWNS awardees are well-known as movers and shakers who contribute greatly to nation building.

THE Outstanding Women in Nation's Service Christmas Party



MEMBERS of batch '85

The 'best ever'...

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Baldwin Guico-Juarez, who generously hosted many batch gatherings and offered the services of her company, Gigglandia, to the batch; her supporter and also cohort Joy Pena, who set up their account and acted as treasurer; Elsa Dimagiba, who agreed to edit the souvenir program with barely two months to go before the homecoming; and Fran Seneriag-Bassolla, who handled the nitty-gritty of selling about 800 tickets to the big event.

The batch started the ball rolling three years ahead of its turn as other jubilarians. Members attended fellowship meetings to decide on projects, and where the funds raised should go.

As with previous batches, class '85 looked at the needs of their alma mater in choosing fundraising projects. They decided to rehabilitate not just one, but two rooms in the College. The first was the Dean's restroom and the second, a small storeroom beside the library that was turned into a meeting/conference room.

Cash to spare

It is a testament to the batch's drive and focus that both projects, which cost around P1.6 million, were finished well ahead of the homecoming, with still enough cash to spare.

Money was raised from two big golf tournaments in two successive years, and from a fundraiser concert.

Thus, even after funding the batch homecoming and several planning meetings, and a post-homecoming outing in Batangas, the batch still has about P2 million left.

Castro suggested that the spare cash be kept in the bank and the interest earnings used to fund future fellowship gatherings and other projects to benefit low-level staff at the College.

Castro told his batchmates that it was important to preserve the unity and batch spirit that was rekindled by their memorable homecoming.

"Let us just have the spirit of '85 within us," he said.

Fellow organizer Tipi San Juan summed it up, reflecting on what many alumni claimed the "best ever" homecoming for the UP College of Law.

"This is how we have always been. When we were in college, someone always stepped up whenever help was needed with anything. It is the same thing this time around. No one asked what or why when asked to help. We just did it."

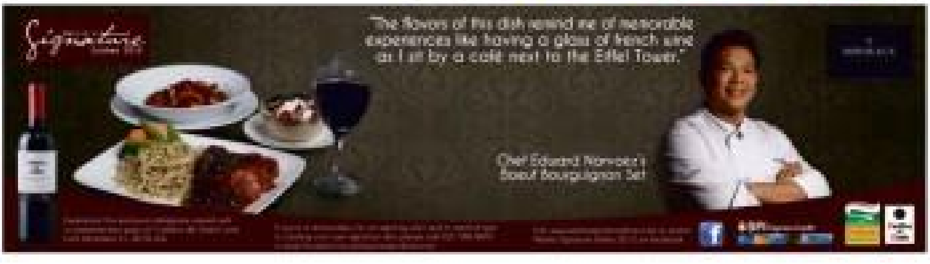
DEC 12 2010 FEAST



This year's Solemn Pontifical Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the open air pergola at the Carmelite Monastery, Magalang, Pampanga on December 12, 2010.

Holy Mary of Guadalupe





The 'best ever' homecoming



UP Law batch '85 led by its president, J. Conrado Castro, turns over the task of hosting the annual homecoming to batch '86, the centennial batch.

Hard work, years of preparation, an appearance by P-Noy, and great musical numbers made this an unforgettable celebration for UP Law batch '85



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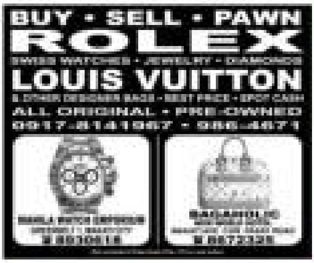
The Mel Tiangco style makeover

It's dressing up for the news: sleeveless dresses, semi-fitted blouses and even open-toe shoes—'softer,' not stuffy

By Alex Y. Vergara

OUTSPOKEN and opinionated, broadcaster Mel Tiangco may come across as [illegible] to those who don't know her personally. But nothing could be farther from the truth.

[illegible]







The Mel Tiangco style makeover







Balancing act





No slippers

Broadcaster's clothes







A lot to be joyful about

MEMO celebrates the holidays in style

JUST because you're on a holiday vacation does not mean you should also let the stylish you take a break. There's no need for you to spend lots on gifts for loved ones because MEMO will help you get your chic on without breaking the bank.

MEMO, your boss in corporate chic, works even in the holidays to make sure that you are able to celebrate this holiday season in style.

Look effortlessly polished yet relaxed in classic pieces from the MEMO Holiday 2010 collection. Once again, MEMO proves that being stylish and trendy does not mean looking faddish. The MEMO signature look is tailored, clean-cut, yet relaxed and comfortable—perfect for the discerning fashionista who is into wardrobe staples and not one-offs. Investors of classic pieces will undoubtedly prefer this collection that will outlive fashion forecasts and daily trendy looks that will eventually look outdated next season.

The MEMO Holiday 2010 collection consists of contemporary classics with a twist that can easily take you from corporate meetings to Christmas cocktails. MEMO's take on the quintessential little black dress and little white dress will definitely become staples in your wardrobe but their subtle details set them apart from others. MEMO also adds a little edge to the feminine ensemble by mixing it up with a menswear-inspired jacket.

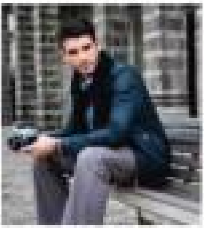
MEMO can also turn a man's straight-edge preppy look around by adding a bit of hipness to his dress shirts over casual yet flattering denim pants or chinos. And as with everything MEMO offers, you can be rest assured that not only does MEMO go for style and comfort, but also for quality, which means only fine fabrics go into their pieces.

MEMO celebrates quality, accessibility and timelessness in fashion all year round. 'Tis, in fact, the season for giving, and MEMO joins in the Christmas spirit by giving every yuppie fashionista the chance to get their holiday chic on for less. For the whole month of December, stock up on closet essentials for you and your loved ones by availing yourself of MEMO's contemporary classic apparel at an even friendlier price. This leaves you no excuse to be less than stylish this season.

So, spread the love and cheer this holiday season, all the while standing out in sensible style with MEMO.

Visit us at Filinvest Festival Mall, SM City Pampanga, Glorietta Makati, The Shops, Greenbelt, SM Megamall, SM Mall of Asia, The Block North Edsa, Trinoma, Ayala, SM City Fairview, CM Lucas, Dagupan, Shangri La Mall, Edsa, Alabang Town Center, Robinsons Galleria, SM City Iloilo, Gateway Mall, Cubao, Robinsons Ermita, Eastwood Mall, SM City Clark, Ayala Marquee, Market-Market, SM Marikina, and Ultimart San Pablo.

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MEMO's take on the quintessential little black dress will definitely become staples in your wardrobe.



HOLIDAY TRENDSPOTTING AT THE MEGA COLLECTION

Great fashion and great music merged during the recent Mega Collection event at the SM Megamall. There was a lot of excitement in the mall's Events Center when some of the most fashion forward brands got together for the Mega Holiday Collection fashion show.

Held in partnership with Samsung, the event hosted by Vicky Herrera showcased the holiday collections of Forever 21, Promod, Espada, Ibm, and 101 New York worn with shoes and accessories from Celine, CMG, and Michelle as well as luggages by Carlton. The mood was young and lighthearted as Preppy, Rock, and Glamour statements hit the runway with hair and make-up by Toni and Guy.

Fashion then gave way to music as Korean actress and violinist Park Eun Joo thrilled the audience with her contemporary interpretations of well-loved Christmas carols and Vivaldi's Four Seasons, as well as her own compositions.

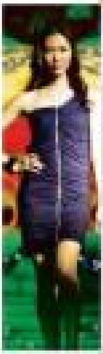
The Mega Collection Fashion Show is one of the many exciting events at the SM Megamall. Visit www.sm-megamall.com or call 633-5042-46.



GLAMOUR

Glorious, glamorous – these are clothes that exude great style and great sophistication



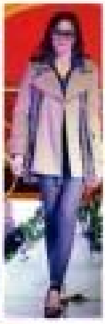
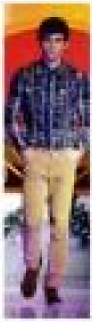
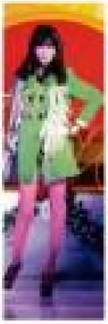


EUN JOO PARK

Eun Joo Park rocks the SM Megamall Event Center with her contemporary rendition of Vivaldi's Four Seasons.

PREPPY

This ageless classic look gets a hip update at the Mega Collection


ROCK

You'll rock the fashion scene with these edgy outfits that exude a lot of attitude

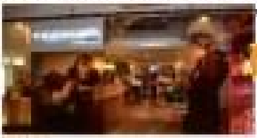






HOLIDAY GLAM AT SM MEGAMALL

If you're looking around for your dream outfit for the holidays, make a stop at these stores for mega shopping fun.






Sunday LifeStyle Relationships

Señora

By Gilda Cordero-Fernando and Mariel Francisco
Illustrations by Steph Bravo



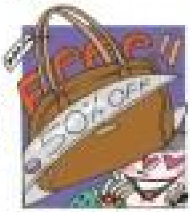
Señora: To the driver in car: Josep, dali pahiram ng P50 kulang ang pera ko!



Next day

Maid: Ma'am si Josep ho borrowing P500 ng ama! kiting ng day

Señora: Tell him tomorrow na, I have headache!



Señora: Mga amiga, remember mauga tayo sa sale! Fifty percent off sa P50,000 na designer bags!

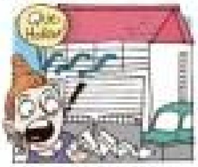


Señora on restaurant table with husband and dog who is also seated on chair with them.

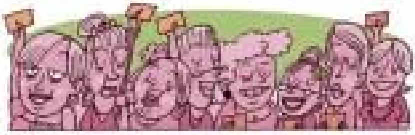
Señora: Three Angus beef. Sa kanyo ang iso! (pointing to dog)

Señora

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Señora (to friends): My electric bill is atrocious! I have to pay for aircon in 4 bedrooms, sala, dining room, study and playroom! You know someone who can make jumper?

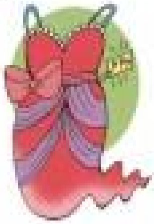


Eight matrons in restaurant

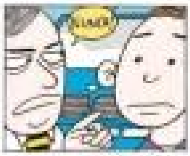
Señora to waiter: Eight cups of coffee, lumong what senior citizen card. Merong service charge ito dba? Pwede credit card?



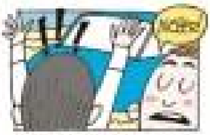
Señora: Tourmalin corset? Of course! Even if you can't breathe it gives you a shape



Señora: (talking to proprietress of shop announcing We Buy Used Gowns) What?! Is that all you can offer? For a gown that I wore to the Vienna Opera Ball, the anniversary of Tatler, the Malacañang visit of Hillary, etc!



Señorito (to the driver): Kahit anong mangyari huwag na huwag mong papabaha ang BMW ko!



Ondoy flood: BMW floating in flood

Señorito: X!%X&!?

Driver: Sabi nyo wag na wag papabaha ang BMW.



Señora talking about maid to friend: Oh! I feed her doing and tapa. Baka magkasakit pa 'yan if I give her something else.



Señora: (accosting maid bringing in large silver platter): Ano 'yan Melody?

Maid: Toothpick po, Señora. You said serve everything in nice tray.



Señora: the Mediterranean cruise, Nile, Greek islands, Mexican Riviera, Bahamas, Baltic, Alaska...

Maid (in uniform, dreaming):

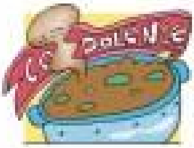
Hong Kong, Singapore, Milan, London

Driver: (daydreaming)

Kuwait, Dubai, Abu Dhabi...



Señora: (to friend) If you like to lagyo fires sa chin you buy na lang the mud of the Dead Sea.



Señora (at home): Melody, punta ka sa Santuario sa burol ni Doña Carmen, magbabit ka ng paella at embutido para sa dinner ko.



Señora (to friends) (Putting pastries from the buffet into her big designer handbag) The pastries in this buffet are great! Buti na lang I brought a big bag



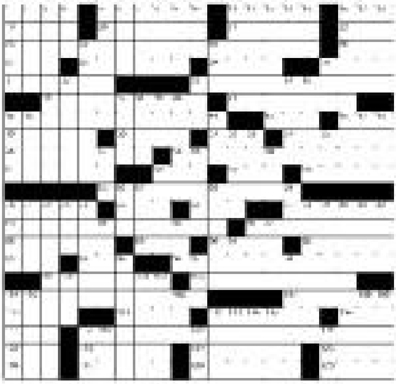
Señora (to maid): Why do you poor people have so many children!

Maid: Manyaka, ma'am!

Sunday Crossword

PREMIER CROSSWORD By Frank A. Longo

G-ZONE ALERT



Daughter's boyfriend got another girl pregnant

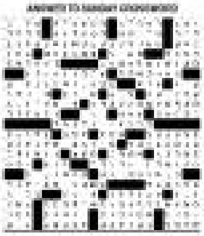
EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo



DEAR EMILY,

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD



What 'Tita' Honey Carandang has given me

She'd always remind me–'It is when you fully surrender that things begin to fall into place'

ROOTS AND WINGS



Cathy Babao-Guballa

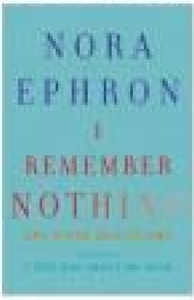
Truth-teller

BOOK REVIEW

When Nora Ephron remembers nothing

No geezer

'The Senior Moment has become the Google Moment,' she writes... Beneath the humor is advice that would save guys a lot of grief when they try to figure out their wives or girlfriends



Exception to the rule

Sexually freed

Not just for chicks

McHappyDayFun Run: Sharing the Gift of Reading to Filipino Kids



Alumni homecoming set

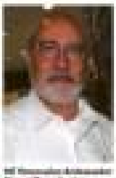


Culinary showdown

Affordable rates

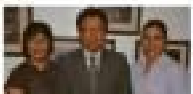
Viva Mexico at the Podium

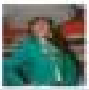




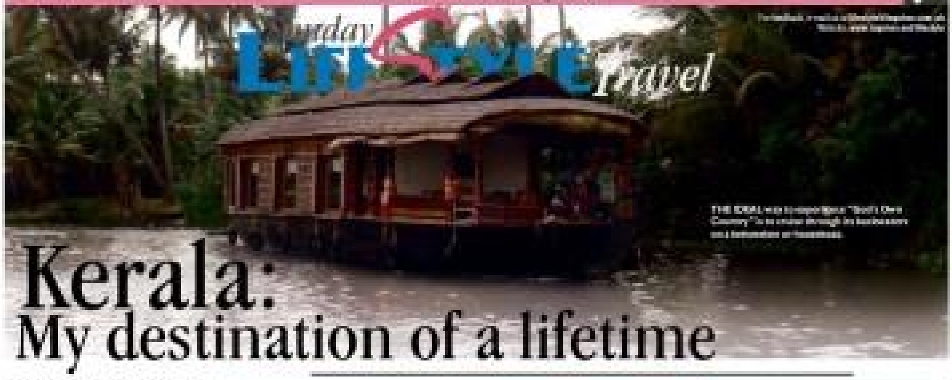








Sunday Lifestyle Travel



Kerala: My destination of a lifetime

NatGeo Traveler cited it as one of '50 Places of a Lifetime.' Sailing through the backwaters in a refurbished houseboat is just one of the attractions in 'God's own country'

[illegible]

Legendary luxury

[illegible]



EMERALD fields of tea adorn the hills of Kerala.



ANCIENT ... temples carved in stone are among the attractions of South India.



A HOUSEBOAT docks by the hotel, ready to cruise the water highways.

Kerala: My destination of a lifetime



THE SALWAR kameez is a traditional attire for women all over India.

Labyrinth

Ayurvedic experience







Remembering those who died for our country: The American Military Cemetery tour



THIS DEC. 8 will be the 50th anniversary of the opening of the American Military Cemetery in Fort Bonifacio.

Come and join John L. Silva's tour of a serene cemetery containing the remains of 17,206 American, Filipino and other soldiers who fought in the Pacific during World War II.

Walk the marble halls engraved with the names of over 36,000 soldiers missing in action. Review the mosaic maps showing the most famous battles in the Pacific, including the 1944 Battle of Leyte Gulf, which liberated the Philippines.

Learn about the architect Gardner Dailey, his vision, design, and landscaping of the cemetery, and why it is now considered a monumental gem in honor of soldiers, and the most visited historical site in the country.

John will talk about some of the most important soldiers buried there, from poets and five brothers to an African American hero.

The tour lasts two hours, and visitors are encouraged to bring a hat, a camera, and, if you wish, a small bouquet of flowers.

Tour starts promptly at 10 a.m.

Directions: 32nd Lawton Ave., Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila

Google Map: http://bit.ly/dJ6V5b

Meet-up: Memorial Parking Site (near area)

Tour dates: Dec. 5, 8, 11, 12, 17 and 18.

Tour fee: P800 adults, P450 children (group rates available)

Reservations necessary: call tel. no. (0920) 729-9927 or e-mail jls1os7@yahoo.com

The 'suite' life

Travel Briefs

HYATT HOTEL and Casino Manila features "Suite Life" room promotion for November and December.

Guests staying for a minimum of two consecutive nights in a Club Deluxe King room or Regency, Executive or Presidential Suite enjoy the third night for free. They will also receive exclusive privileges: an express check-in and check-out, full Regency Club benefits, which include Continental breakfast buffet and pre-dinner cocktails, access to the private Regency Club Lounge, and use of the Club Oasis Fitness Center and swimming pool. For inquiries and bookings, call 245-1234.

Special hotel packages for the holidays

Island Cove Hotel and Leisure Park is offering a wide range of dining and celebratory options to make sure your holidays are happy.

Noche Buena Package includes a room for two adults and two children, buffet dinner for two with live entertainment, gift-giving and games, buffet breakfast for two, a Christmas gift, free entrance to Oceania Water Park, use of hotel pool and Jacuzzi, complimentary bottled water for two, discounted entrance fee to Animal Island, and free Wi-Fi access. Media Noche Package includes a room for two adults and two children, buffet dinner for two with fireworks show, gift-giving, games and live entertainment, buffet breakfast for two, Island Cove souvenir, free entrance to Oceania Water Park, use of hotel pool and Jacuzzi, complimentary bottled water, discounted entrance fee to Animal Island, and free Wi-Fi access.

Until Dec. 31, Sangley Point Bar and Grill will give away a gift certificate of an overnight stay at the hotel for every single receipt purchase of P5,000.

Tickle your taste buds with Filipino Christmas delicacies in huts on stilts at Fishing Village overlooking Manila Bay. Or satisfy your sweet tooth with Island Café's Christmas cookies, cakes and other yummy treats.

Then have a showdown with your family and friends at the Island Songs KTV. Avail of the special group packages and unleash your inner rock star!

Or enjoy a breathtaking fireworks display and be enchanted by the Island Cove Chorale rendering Christmas carols on Dec. 11, 18, 25 and 31.

Low-cost flight from Clark to Singapore

Southeast Asian Airlines (Seair) is offering its first low-cost jet services with the Airbus A-319 between Clark and Singapore starting Dec. 18 through the Tiger Airways "Partner Airline" program.

Additional routes using the new 144-seater aircraft will be added in the coming months. The resulting operational and cost efficiencies through this collaboration will enable Seair to offer more low-fare seats to travelers using the leading travel portal, tigerairways.com, contributing to the growth of Clark as a gateway to the Philippines across the Asia-Pacific region.

Seair was awarded the Philippines' Best Airline in 2009 and recognized as national Gold Award in 2010. For more information on its flights, go to www.flyseair.com.

Book donation from Asiana

To foster better understanding and respect for different cultures, Asiana Airlines (OZ) has donated 1,208 foreign books in seven Asian languages to the Yang Cheon Foreign Laborer Center in Seoul, Korea.

The books were purchased by Asiana Airlines overseas branches. With 86 titles from the Philippines, the other books are from Vietnam, China, Cambodia, Japan, Russia and Uzbekistan. The donation was made in recognition of the growing number of multicultural families in Korea. Since 2007, Asiana has donated over 5,150 foreign-language books for foreign workers and multicultural families living in Korea.

"The donation has become more meaningful since the money to purchase the books came from sales Asiana staff had during our bazaar held this year," said Asiana Airlines president and CEO Yoon Young Doo.



Your jolly mates for a cuddly Christmas



MATES' Uze-mate is the perfect travel companion—a gift of comfort



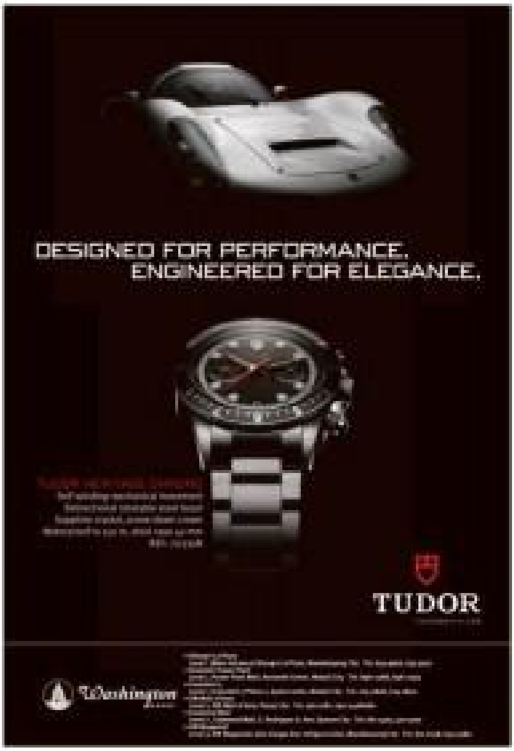
MATES' body pillow series in various shapes and memory-foamed comfort.

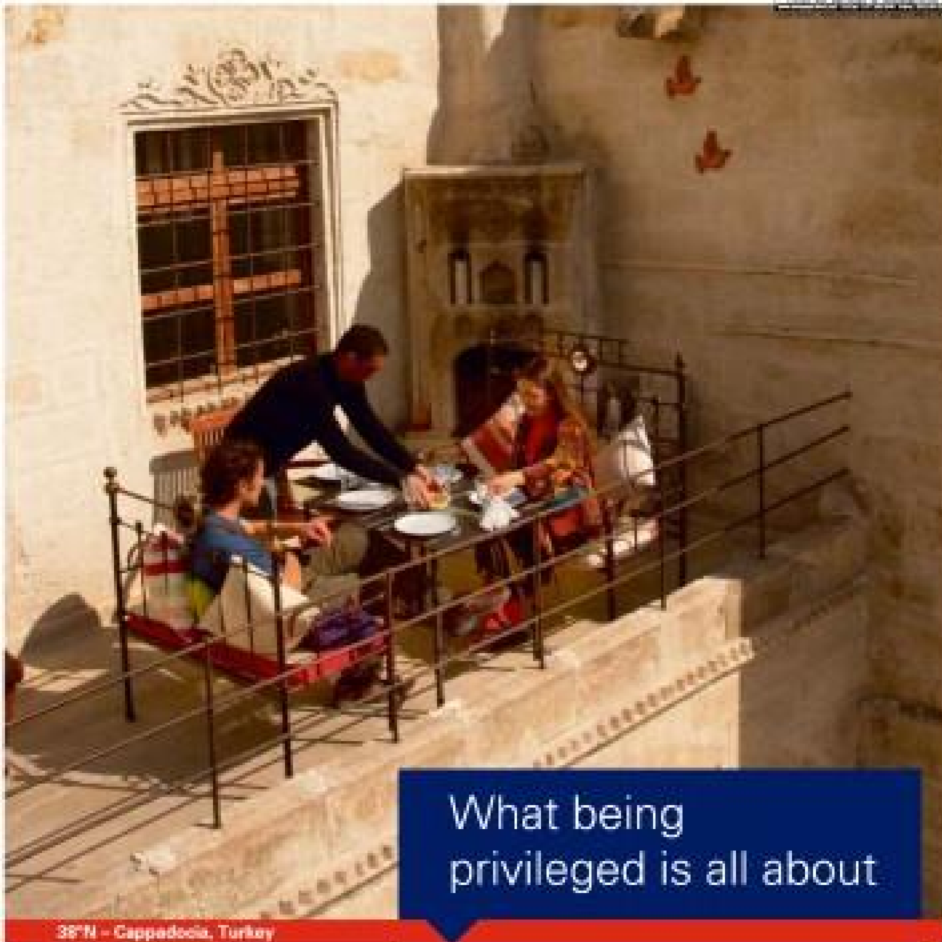
THE HOLIDAY mood is very much in the air. As one gets into a shopping frenzy for gifts, what comes next is a stressed body and mind. Good thing there are available reliefs to soothe one's tired body. Take the memory foam pillows in various makes and shapes from Mates.

City sidewalks may now be dressed up in holiday style but the horrendous traffic is always so unnerving, more so for the impatient driver. A great gift is Mates neck support gadget—be it the uze-mate or neck/lumbar roll, in bright holiday colors. It's the traveler's perfect companion, whether inside the car or an airplane, to aid one's stiffed neck aches.

For more restful sleep, Mates offers its bed pillow series that will surely soothe and support tired bodies. The series include adjustable universal pillow with foam extender to suit one's personal preference, Classica with memory foam granules for superior comfort and OnHeaven pillow supreme with the correct edge to please height preference, and the popular med incline pillow that provides more restful sleep with proven medical benefits to reduce one's acid reflux, heart burn, sinus, snoring, respiratory and heart problems. Mates eye mask in memory foam is the ultimate eye pamper to shield the eyes from bright area for a longer trip to dreamland.

Mates memory foam pillows and comfort gadgets come in ready-to-go stocking gift packages, and are available at Unimart Greenhills, ATC Alabang Town Center, Makati Supermart Alabang, Robinson's Place Ermita, Metro Gaisano Market! Market!, The Landmark Makati and Trinoma. Mates products are also available at the Karl Edward Bazaar at The Tent, Bonifacio Global City (Dec. 4-5, 11-12 and 18-23) and the 10th World Bazaar at the World Trade Center (Dec. 3-20). For inquiries, contact Sunvalley International, Inc. at tel. nos. 361-7702 or 362-8835, email address at sui-e218@gmail.com.





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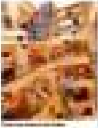


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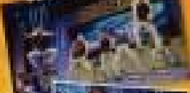




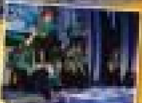
Beautiful music takes five







Ateneo CADS and La Salle Greenhills' Airforce make dance history in Skechers Streetdance Battle 6





IRENE Marcos-Araneta, chair of the Young Musicians Development Organization

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TETET Pascual and Vonka Millari   MAJA Olivares Co   RICKY Pamatian, Marina Araneta and Joanne de Rais Bamboa   BERNICE Ocampo

The children's hour

By Larry Leviste
Contributor

FOR IRENE Marcos Araneta and her musical protégés, the Philippine Youth Symphonic Band, Christmas came early to the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) last Saturday through the concert titled "Luro."

A repertoire of classical and pop Filipino music serenaded a full house for a night of fundraising, the best way to get that Yuletide feeling. Kids eight years old and above were chaperoned by their parents to a concert of Tagalog songs, from "Iniwagayway at Pepe" and "Lerun, Lerun Ibula" to "Sitsirisit."

What a rousing romp! The program for Sarah Geronimo and fundraiser diva Sylvia La Torre did songs of festivity. Cherie Gil emceed the show, which featured a 62-piece orchestra with skilled and talented musicians ranging in age from seven to 22. A trumpet solo by 12-year-old John Philip Siu. Ann was pitch-perfect.

During the intermission, renowned host Tessa Prieto-Valdes held a successful silent auction of original and colorful child-size furniture designed by Ira Chiko Ojeda and Tim Mendoza, which raised major funds for that remarkable night.



FUNDRAISER queen Sylvia La Torre

Successful CCP fundraiser is also a style hit



MAI Kaufman   PEACHY and Mira Miller   CINDY Yang   RACHELLE and Curtis Wenger   TIMI Bonnevanton   MONIQUE and Cris Villanos   SARAH Geronimo   TOBY Caballo

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ENJOYING a good conversation with sister Melisa Papa-Mauricio and brother Arnold Papa over coffee at Country Style in SM City Marilao



WELL-KNOWN jewelry designer Arnel Papa with SM's Millie Dizon at the launch of My City, My SM at SM City Marilao

Arnel Papa's Marilao

One of the country's top accessories designers finds everything he needs in his hometown

ARNEL PAPA'S exquisite jewelry designs have found their way to fashion capitals in Europe and the United States. His bold and beautiful masterpieces have been featured in glossy international fashion magazines, and have been worn by celebrities like Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Ruffa Gutierrez and Tingting Cojuangco.

Although he has earned international recognition for his work, Arnel still continues to create his craft from his hometown in Marilao, Bulacan, where he lives with his family. Here he talks about his work, his Marilao, and his SM.

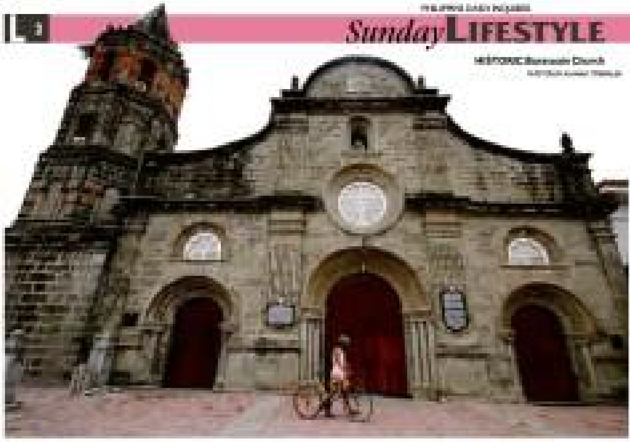
Philippine Daily Inquirer: How did you start designing jewelry?

Arnel Papa: At first, we only supplied exporters with components like coco beads, carabao horns, carabao nails, and copper, to bags and belts for export. I met my first buyer from Europe through a client; they initially wanted to buy beads, and then they brought their main jewelry designer to the Philippines. That's how I started to export jewelry. My first collections were made from carabao horn.

PDI: Where do you get inspirations for your designs?

ARNEL, L4




HISTORIC Barasoain Church




DIFFERENT interpretations of Barasoain Church

Heroes live here

Who needs beaches? Bulacan offers up history, culture, and a whole lot of love of country








NATIONAL Artist Atang dela Rama, queen of kundiman and zarzuela


PIANO from the olden days



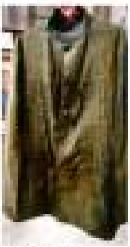


Collective pride

Treasures of Hiyas

'Triumphant art'









Revolutionary flavors



FROM TOP: Lolenn's bulacan, tuno-tuno, bibingka and puto bumbong, [illegible] leche flan

By Irene C. Perez

BULACAN FOOD is characteristically sweet and rich with sour undertones. It has evolved from simple, easy-to-prepare dishes concocted during the revolution to what we now call "slow food."

The province is especially well-known for desserts like pastillas, ensaymada, and rice cakes or kakanin, according to Jaime G. Corpuz, president of the Bulacan Heritage Conservation Society.

"Bulakeño food is generally pleasant and festive. During fiestas and weddings, meat dishes like [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] are served in lieu of fish and vegetables. This indicates that the family is well-off. They don't buy meat from the market. Instead, they raise their own livestock to be slaughtered for the celebration."

'Sungkutsa'

An important component in Bulacan cooking is a method called sungkutsa, wherein meat items are cooked over low heat for a long time until the natural juices come out. Since Bulakeños usually cook in volume by the vats, to sungkutsa is necessary to make something flavorful, and for the food to last longer even without refrigeration.

Corpuz shares the story of the [illegible], our version of paella, also called the "poor man's arroz a la Valenciana."

The friars during the Spanish period preferred the Valenciana composed of glutinous rice, prawns, crabs, chicken breast and chorizo. The "indio" had to make use of ingredients found in their environment, like chicken innards (liver, breasts, [illegible]), shrimp [illegible] and [illegible] spiced with turmeric.

The revolution also made Bulakeños creative when it comes to storing food.

"The revolutionaries have this belt bag with small pockets called [illegible] where they store corn, dried meat or tapa that they can snack on anytime," said Corpuz. "They also cook whole chicken in bamboo that is set on fire."

'Sinigang' with 'palavoe'

Bulakeños also have different ways of cooking sinigang. They use a variety of souring agents like [illegible] or young tamarind leaves, green mango, raw guava, [illegible], and [illegible] parts of [illegible]. Another native dish is pesa, [illegible], steamed fish wrapped in [illegible].

Preserving, meanwhile, is done through a process called [illegible]. Fruits or vegetables like papaya, [illegible] and raw mango are fermented in a salt-and-vinegar solution for around a week.



CITANG'S [illegible] atchara and preserves.



SUMAN varieties

Sweet favorites

[illegible] in San Miguel is a staple pasalubong and dessert. It is made with and creamy with carabao milk, with a touch of dayap for [illegible]. Another variation of this is the pastillas del carmen or pastillas [illegible], which is crisp and brown. Ester Bulakeños still make leche flan del [illegible] or leche flan with gelatin.

A popular source for native delicacies is Citang Eatery in Malolos, which has been around since the '70s.

It started out as a [illegible] of baugaon, said [illegible], manager. It is now the snack shack churchgoers go to after Mass at the nearby chapel. The place is nothing fancy, just a [illegible] with Monobloc chairs and tables, but loaded with old-fashioned kakanin and merienda items.

Bestsellers include rice cakes like biko, kalamay, [illegible], puto, [illegible], sumang [illegible] de [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] with salted egg, bibingkang [illegible], or [illegible]. For savory items, there's [illegible], [illegible], pancit palabok, [illegible], and [illegible].



BIKO by the [illegible]

BIBINGKANG malagkit and kamote



GOTO [illegible]



JUANITO Caramello and Vanilla Latte

DON Juan Frappe and fudge brownie



JUAN More Cup crew: [illegible], Jefferson and Adette Celzon, and [illegible]

Juan More Cup

SM Baliwag houses homegrown coffee shop Juan More Cup, the go-to place for coffee and cakes.

The kiosk was named after Juan, the year-old son of Jefferson and Adette Celzon, the couple who put up the coffee nook. They got the idea from Qatar, where they met and worked for over a decade—he in real estate and she as flight attendant. Jefferson said they source the beans abroad.

"I am a coffee lover, and I wanted people in Bulacan to have a place for good coffee as well," says Adette.

"We go by the tagline 'one cup is not enough,' because we intend to make good coffee more available and affordable to mall goers," adds Jefferson.

Choose from rich concoctions like Juanito Caramello, Espresso Macchiato, and Mochaccino Hot Chocolate, and Chillers like Don Juan Frappe, Banana Berry and Cream Smoothie, and Strawberry Lemonade.

Pair these with chocolate cake, fudge brownies and chewy oatmeal cookies.



La Familia

Another pitstop for revolted food is La Familia, [illegible] Highway Bagong Nayon, Baliwag, Bulacan, [illegible] where manager [illegible] has been serving home-style dishes since the '90s.

"I was a teacher in Baliwag University and for additional income I served goto and pan de sal in a [illegible]. My initial clients were drivers. Then someone asked me to cater for a debut. I was just renting tables and food warmers then, but people liked what I served and by word of mouth, orders came in and I was able to put up this restaurant."

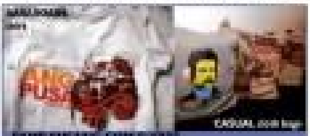
La Familia is now a full-service restaurant with an [illegible] area for celebrations like birthdays, graduations and baptismal. Diners go for the [illegible], [illegible], or pork [illegible] with [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], pork barbecue, grilled squid, [illegible], pancit, and [illegible].

To catch up with the trend, [illegible] came up with sizzling items that she picked up from dining in Manila like [illegible], pork chop, [illegible], Korean barbecue, [illegible] baby back ribs and chicken wings.

For the holidays, soft and buttery [illegible] and [illegible] topped with young grated coconut can also be had in La Familia.

Best 'pasalubong' bets in Bulacan

Score some nationalistic T-shirts and bite into delicious 'puto'



[illegible] shirts

CASUAL [illegible] bags

By Irene C. Perez

NEVER LEAVE Bulacan without these pasalubong: graphic shirts with pop-art prints, one-of-a-kind buntal hats, mini rice cakes, boxed pastries, and bottled sweets you can even take abroad.

PAMBANSANG.COM SHIRTS

2/F Rm. 7 [illegible] Bldg., Malolos; tel. (044) [illegible], [illegible]; Pambansang.com on Facebook; http://pambansang.com.ph

Tucked in a residential building in the Malolos plaza is the outlet of Pambansang.com, a shirt shop that celebrates Bulacan talent. Marketing manager [illegible] says they wanted to create wearable art that promotes Bulacan culture and heritage. They don't have a boutique in Manila, and you can't order online either; that's because part of their thrust is to encourage people to visit and explore the province.

Drop by the shop to buy colorful pop-art shirts with statement prints like "Malolos Constitution," a popular favorite in Pulilan, "Kalabaw," depicting the eight-waited [illegible] [illegible] called a [illegible] which became popular during the Japanese Occupation and is still used today, and favorite expressions like "Pilarra Lang, Pilarra Bahu," "[illegible] ng Lapida," and "Malakas sa Bulacan."

They also have cloth bags featuring historical figures and landmarks like the Barasoain Church and [illegible] national hero, Marcelo H. del Pilar, wearing [illegible].



BUTTONS



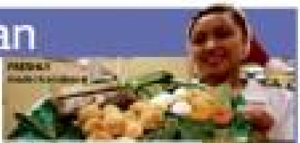
COLORFUL and durable buntal hats

BUNTAL HATS

Rosario Dessano, [illegible] [illegible] in Baliwag, has been making buri buntals since the '70s. Only a few know how to make such meticulously woven hats, she says, so she's trying to preserve the art by passing on the skill to fellow Bulakeños. Making genuine buntal hats is a labor-intensive craft. She sources the raw material—fiber—from Quezon (the grass cannot flourish in Bulacan soil), then it is dried, pressed, processed and woven. A piece takes around a week to finish. She delivers hats to lifestyle houses such as Tesoro's, although most of the items are for export. They come in natural and solid colors like violet, yellow, magenta and blue.



ROSARIO Dessano encourages Bulakeños to make buntal hats.



FRESHLY [illegible]

Popular 'Puto'

G/F SM Marilao

These sweet treats are Bulacan's pride. Popular Puto used to be sold on sidewalks and in wet markets, and became such a hit that it's now available in a kiosk inside SM Marilao. These yummy rice cakes are around an inch in diameter, soft, fluffy and served with grated coconut. Choose from [illegible] of Puto Pao, Puto Pula (with brown sugar), custard, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], pastillas de leche and [illegible] de gatas. Savory merienda items include dinuguan and pancit palabok.



ASSORTED sweets from Popular Puto

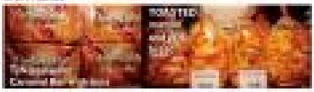


TJN Pasalubong kiosk in SM Marilao

TJN Pasalubong

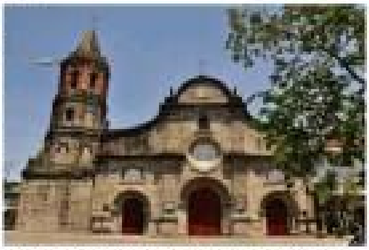
G/F, SM Marilao

For food items that keep long, head off to TJN Pasalubong in SM Marilao. Bestsellers include [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] cake and [illegible]. These come in [illegible] and boxed sets. Bottled preserves perfect for [illegible] include sweet mango, [illegible] de coco and white beans.



ROASTED [illegible]







Arnel Papa's Marilao

Get healthy—go malling

Specialty clinics in SM Baliwag and Marilao are allowing patients to schedule checkups along with shopping trips





By Fran Katigbak

Dental Avenue

Prime Health Multi-Specialty Clinic



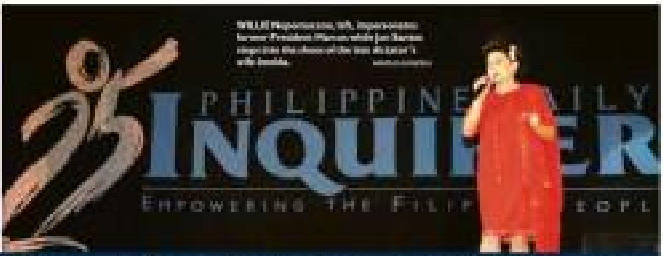


ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

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WILLIE Nepomuceno, left, impersonates former President Marcos while Jon Santos sings into the shoes of the late dictator's wife Imelda.

Inspired madness backstage at PDI party

Da Real Makoy, wife La Imeldific steal the show



LEA Salonga sings John Lennon's "Imagine" and Gary Granada's "Tagumpay Nating Lahat."

Text and photos by [illegible]

INSPIRED madness and creative chaos ruled backstage at the Inquirer's silver anniversary party held Wednesday at the Rizal Ballroom of the Makati Shangri-La Hotel.

While VIP guests from the business community congregated at the main hall, comics Jon Santos and Willie Nepomuceno put finishing touches on their respective characters, La Imeldific and her "esteemed" husband, Da Real Makoy, in their separate makeshift dressing rooms.

With his [illegible] as silent witnesses, Jon [illegible] his bouffant wig and dabbed rouge on his lips.

And with an old photograph of Makoy as guide, Willie Nep channeled the late President in front of the mirror.

Throughout the night, the duo amused the audience with their quick changes, sharp repartee and instant reincarnations: Fidel V. Ramos and P-Noy [illegible] for Willie; [illegible] and Korina for Jon.

So wigs, prosthetic ears and other body parts flew as Jon and

INSPIRED /H2



WILLIE as Fidel V. Ramos



JON as [illegible]



ARNEL Pineda with PDI's [illegible]

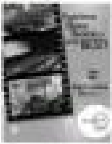


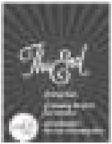




Inspired madness backstage at PBI party

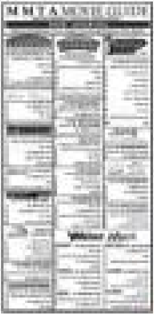
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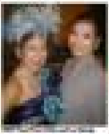






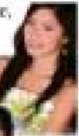




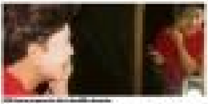


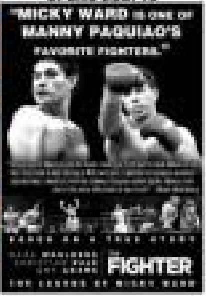


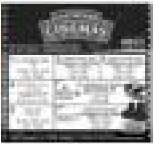
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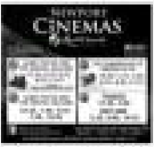


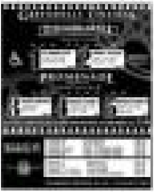





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THE PANGILINANS. (from top) KC, Sharon, Francis, Miel and Frankie

End of a love triangle, start of another

By the Entertainment staff

RUSHES

NOW, it can be told. Macho Actor broke up with Gay Lover—but not because of the green-eyed monster that came with Enterprising Benefactor.

[illegible]

Patty mouth strikes again

[illegible]

Bad patrons redux

[illegible]

Another bizarre triangle

[illegible]

Down but not out

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New Kapamilya superhero

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Nolan to film new 'Dark Knight' in mid-2011



Why many starlets settle for 'imitative' stardom

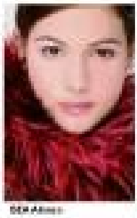
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Nestor U. Torre





JOHN Lloyd Cruz



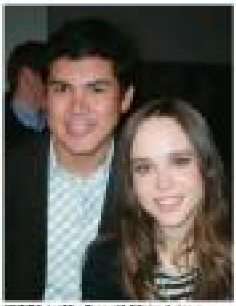
Few genuine stars



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"INCEPTION" lead Leonardo DiCaprio


"JUNO" star Ellen Page with Filipino designer



A Season For The Senses: It's Christmas Once Again at the Power Plant Mall



